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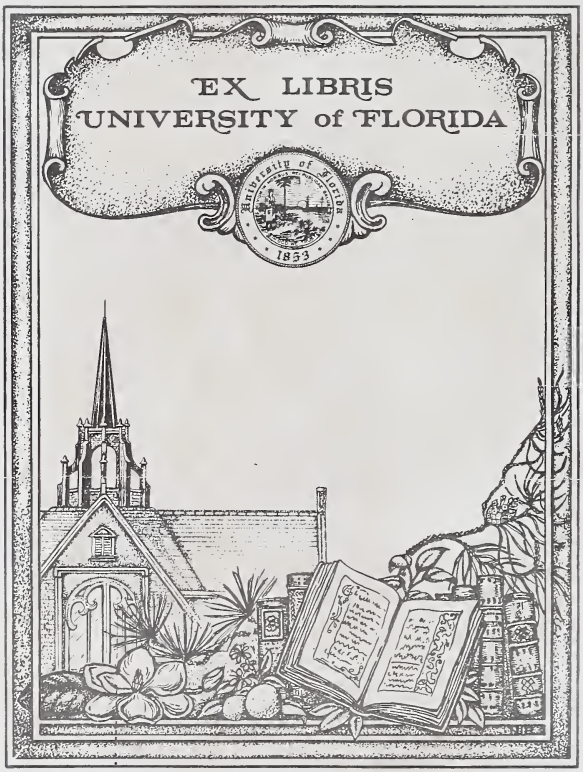
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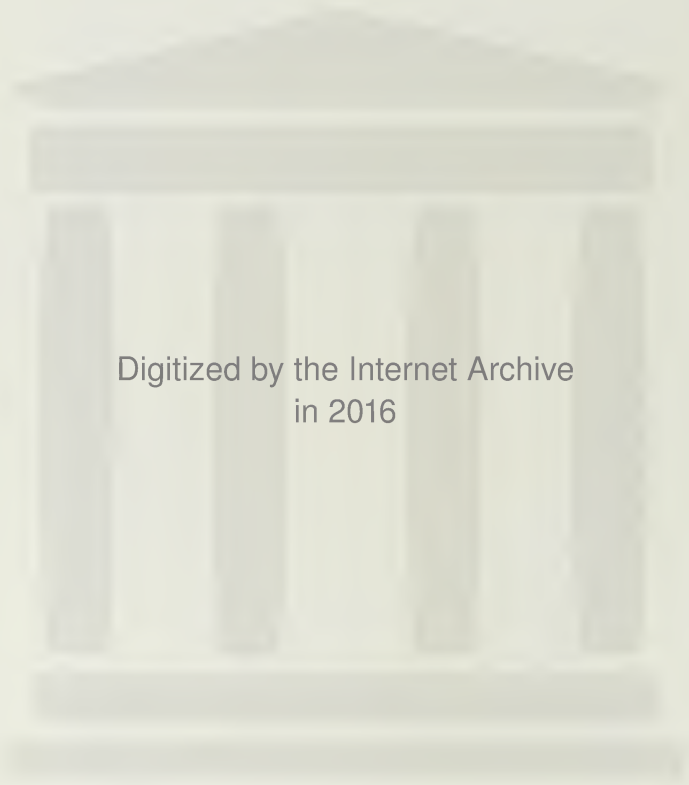
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Biography

Joseph Patrick Addabbo, a Representative from New York; born in Ozone Park, NY on March 17, 1925; attended Public School 59, Boys' High School, Brooklyn, and City College of New York; graduated from St. John's Law School in 1946, and commenced practice of law in Ozone Park, NY, 1947; president of Ozone Park Men's Association, 1948–1959, and Ferrini Welfare League of Catholic Charities, 1956–1958; on November 8, 1960 elected as a Democrat to the Eighty-seventh Congress; re-elected to twelve succeeding Congresses; was a resident of Ozone Park, NY until his death April 10, 1986 at Walter Reed Medical Center, Washington, DC; interment in St. John's Cemetery, Middle Village, Queens, NY.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

FOR

JOSEPH P. ADDABBO

Proceedings in the House

MONDAY, *April 14, 1986.*

Mr. STRATTON. Mr. Speaker, I offer a privileged resolution (H. Res. 416) on the death of the Honorable JOSEPH P. ADDABBO and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 416

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, a Representative from the State of New York.

Resolved, That a committee of such Members of the House as the Speaker may designate, together with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased.

Mr. Speaker, the Members of the House have lost a very valuable and dedicated Member in the passing of the gentleman from New York [Mr. ADDABBO]. He was one of the pillars of this House as the chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, and he was a tireless proponent of a strong defense but not supporting a wasteful defense.

We have all recognized that the gentleman from New York has been fighting a personal battle over the last few months against illness, but he never gave up in that fight and he will certainly be missed.

One of the features, I think, of the gentleman from New York [Mr. ADDABBO] was that, although he occupied one of the most responsible assignments in the House of Representatives, he always proceeded at a low key, was humble certainly, and was highly responsive not only to his constituents but also to his colleagues in the House.

Mr. HORTON. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret that I join with the gentleman from New York [Mr. Stratton] in sponsoring this resolution.

We truly have lost a friend in JOE ADDABBO. I have known him since I have been here in the Congress. I serve as the vice chairman of the New York bipartisan delegation and as the dean of the Republican delegation. We join in sympathy for his loved ones. My wife, Nancy, and I join with the other Members in expressing our deep sympathy and regrets to his wife, Grace, and to the members of his family.

We will truly miss JOE ADDABBO from the Halls of Congress.

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I would just like to join with my colleagues, the gentlemen from New York [Mr. Stratton and Mr. Horton] and share their remarks.

I think probably the key to JOE ADDABBO was that in all the years that he spent here, he was always fair, and I would say to the public which is viewing these proceedings today that he was truly a nice guy. I think that is probably the hallmark of the gentleman from New York [Mr. ADDABBO] a person who could be a nice guy and at the same time be a true American and do what was necessary for our country.

Mr. STRATTON. I thank the gentleman.

Mr. Speaker, I would point out that we will, sometime next week, have a special order for our departed comrade. In the interim, let me advise Members that the Speaker will appoint a congressional delegation to attend the funeral services on tomorrow at 11 a.m. in New York City.

Members who desire to travel to that ceremony are advised to contact the Sergeant at Arms. The delegation will depart the House steps for Andrews Air Force Base at 7:30 a.m. The funeral mass will be in St. Patrick's Cathedral on Fifth Avenue at 11 a.m., and it is estimated that the delegation would return by 3:30 p.m.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 416, the Chair, without objection, appoints the following Members to attend the funeral of the late JOSEPH P. ADDABBO:

Mr. Stratton of New York; Mr. O'Neill of Massachusetts; Mr. Horton of New York; Mr. Biaggi of New York; Mr. Fish of New York; Mr. Lent of New York; Mr. Rangel of New York; Mr. Gilman of New York; Mr. Scheuer of New York; Mr.

Downey of New York; Mr. LaFalce of New York; Mr. McHugh of New York; Mr. Nowak of New York; Mr. Solarz of New York; Mr. Lundine of New York; Mr. Weiss of New York; Mr. Garcia of New York; Mr. Green of New York; Mr. Carney of New York; Mr. Solomon of New York; Mr. Martin of New York; Mr. McGrath of New York; Mr. Molinari of New York; Mr. Schumer of New York; Mr. Wortley of New York; Mr. Boehlert of New York; Mr. Mrazek of New York; Mr. Owens of New York; Mr. Towns of New York; Mr. Ackerman of New York; Mr. DioGuardi of New York; Mr. Manton of New York; Mr. Whitten of Mississippi; Mr. Price of Illinois; Mr. Rodino of New Jersey; Mr. Boland of Massachusetts; Mr. Conte of Massachusetts; Mr. Smith of Iowa; Mr. McDade of Pennsylvania; Mr. Roybal of California; Mr. Annunzio of Illinois; Mr. Ford of Michigan; Mr. Myers of Indiana; Mr. Alexander of Arkansas; Mr. Chappell of Florida; Mr. Stokes of Ohio; Mr. Obey of Wisconsin; Mr. Dellums of California; Mr. Mitchell of Maryland; Mr. Young of Florida; Mrs. Holt of Maryland; Mr. Lehman of Florida; Mr. Moakley of Massachusetts; Mr. AuCoin of Oregon; Mr. Early of Massachusetts; Mr. Hefner of North Carolina; Mr. Mineta of California; Mr. Markey of Massachusetts; Mr. Akaka of Hawaii; Mr. Dicks of Washington; Mr. Glickman of Kansas; Mr. Kildee of Michigan; Mr. Panetta of California; Mr. Pursell of Michigan; Mr. Livingston of Louisiana; Mr. Fazio of California; Mr. Gray of Pennsylvania; Mr. Hutto of Florida; Mr. Lewis of California; Mr. Sensenbrenner of Wisconsin; Mr. Dwyer of New Jersey; Mr. Carr of Michigan; Mr. Kostmayer of Pennsylvania; Mrs. Boxer of California; Mr. Coleman of Texas; and Mr. Durbin of Illinois.

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ANNUNZIO. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 416, I move that the House do now adjourn in memory of the late Joseph P. Addabbo.

The motion was agreed to.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the provisions of House Resolution 416, the House stands adjourned until 3:30 p.m., tomorrow, Tuesday, April 15, 1986, in memory of the late Joseph P. Addabbo.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), pursuant to House Resolution 416, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 15, 1986, at 3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, *April 15, 1986.*

Mr. BIAGGI. Mr. Speaker, I have just returned from the funeral service held this morning for our dear and departed friend and colleague JOSEPH PATRICK ADDABBO. The service which was attended by more than 50 House Members was held in St. Patrick's Cathedral and was officiated by Cardinal John J. O'Connor. The speaker delivered a most moving eulogy.

JOE ADDABBO died this past Thursday night at the age of 61. He served this House of Representatives with unique effectiveness for a total of 26 years. He rose to national prominence as chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

Yet, as we remember our friend JOE ADDABBO, we struggle with our feelings. We are in grief yet we are relieved that JOE is not suffering anymore.

We will remember JOE's sweet nature, his kind and unassuming manner. We will remember a man of unparalleled integrity with the highest moral principles and values. Yet he never let the trappings of power to cause him to be removed from his constituents. He served them for so long and so well that they were part of an extended Addabbo family.

We have lost JOE ADDABBO. It is a loss difficult to measure and impossible to reconcile, especially for those of us blessed enough to be his friend. We convey our most sincere condolences to Grace Addabbo and JOE's children Dominic, Diana, and Joseph. We share your loss but hope you will take solace in the fact that his legacy of public service and love of country will endure for years to come.

TUESDAY, *April 22, 1986.*

Mr. STRATTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise in behalf of the New York congressional delegation to pay a tribute to our colleague, JOE ADDABBO, who passed away last week.

His funeral in New York City was a deeply moving one, with tributes paid by Speaker O'Neill, by Cardinal O'Connor, and by Bishop Mugavero.

JOE ADDABBO always recognized his home surroundings. As a highly important and influential Member of Congress, he still lived in the same house in Queens and he was one of the few Members of the New York delegation who did not bring his family to Washington. It was only when there was, perhaps, a party at the White House when JOE brought his wife, Grace, to participate in that occasion.

Congressman ADDABBO was placed on the Appropriations Committee shortly after he had won reelection to the House. I do not know exactly what the procedure was, but remembering that former Congressman Eugene Keogh, was the highly influential Member in placing other Members of the delegation on committee, he was probably responsible for JOE's elevation to that outstanding committee, the Committee on Appropriations.

JOE maintained his position on that committee, moving up slowly in seniority, until the distinguished chairman of that committee, and the former chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, George Mahon of Texas, retired.

JOE, I think, was probably recognized by other Members of the House because of the fact that he led an annual group of Members of the House of Representatives and their wives and families every year in the springtime to show them the great city of New York, to entertain them in theaters, to take the boat trip around New York City, and to visit the home of the mayor, Gracie Mansion. In fact, now that JOE has passed away, we in the New York delegation are going to have to scramble a little bit, I am afraid, to try to create for our colleagues the same outstanding trip that Chairman ADDABBO had led over so many years.

JOE ADDABBO was a highly responsible and highly influential Member of Congress because he was the chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense. We did not always agree, he and I, on some weapons systems, but he was always very helpful and willing to discuss any disagreement that might develop between the Appropriations Committee and the authorizing committee, the House Committee on Armed Services.

JOE's major contribution, I think, not only to the House itself, but also to his State, was reflected in an item that came before the House today, the homeporting of a naval squadron in Staten Island. JOE ADDABBO was almost single-handedly responsible for that decision and the Secretary of the Navy recognized his insistance that that squadron was going to remain in New York City, even though, from time to time, there might

be objections as to whether there were going to be nuclear weapons on those ships or not.

JOE was also strong in support of another item from New York State that, in his recent years, he felt deserved a much better reception from the Pentagon than it was getting. That was the T–46 Air Force trainer developed by Fairchild Republic Aviation Co. on Long Island. JOE, I know, hoped that we who remained on the delegation in a position of influence with the Pentagon would see fit to fund and to authorize the T–46. Those of us in that position intend to continue his fight because it was something that he was deeply concerned about and I think in a sense, it should be the one tribute, he never asked very much for himself, but the one tribute to his earnest efforts to try to provide more jobs for the people in his congressional district and for the people on Long Island.

JOE ADDABBO was always generous, always kind. His eulogy that the Speaker made in St. Patrick's Cathedral was a very moving one. The Speaker said we live in Congress by the bells. One bell would indicate that we are in session; two bells represent a vote; three bells are a quorum call; and four bells is the end of the session. He said, "JOE, we have rung these bells in your honor and you have completed a magnificent contribution to the Congress and to the American people."

Mr. HORTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, as vice chairman of the New York delegation, and as the dean of the Republican delegation, I join Congressman Sam Stratton, the dean of our New York delegation, and my colleagues this evening to pay tribute to our friend and colleague, JOE ADDABBO, who passed away earlier this month after a long bout with cancer.

I had the honor of knowing JOE and his wife, Grace, for nearly 25 years. Nancy joins me in expressing our deepest regrets and condolences to Grace and the Addabbo family.

JOE began in Congress in 1960; I joined him 2 years later. Nobody had a greater respect for JOE than I. His commitment to all that was right and fair was unequaled in this House.

JOE was best known for his tireless efforts as a voice of sanity when dealing with defense matters. He was an articulate and forceful opponent of excessive and wasteful military spending. Although he was often in the minority on his defense appropriations subcommittee, the respect for his beliefs by his colleagues was great. JOE was singularly responsible for several military projects being built in New York State. His

role as a champion for the State was widely recognized and appreciated. We shall miss his leadership in defense matters.

In 1973, JOE sponsored the first antiwar resolution ever to pass the House—cutting off funds for the bombing of Cambodia. He was a leading advocate of accountability—fiscally and ideologically—within the Pentagon. The President called JOE "one of the leading players in the development of American military policy." My good friend Mario Cuomo called him "a great man, whose commitment to integrity and excellence has improved the quality of life for all New Yorkers." Those who knew JOE would be hard pressed to disagree.

Mr. Speaker, this House will not be the same without JOE. He will be sorely missed.

Mr. CONTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great statesman, leader, friend and a truly outstanding American who was called from us April 10, 1986, at the age of 61.

JOE ADDABBO came to this venerable body 26 years ago from the Sixth Congressional District of New York and served the good people of New York for better than 2½ decades with direction, compassion, and clear-headed innovation.

His time in public office spanned many of the most trying, dynamic and exciting events of this century and his unique leadership met all challenges head on in the same perserving, selfless manner that he led his own life. This man was a tireless fighter for what he believed was right, and that effort will be remembered gratefully by all those who knew or knew of JOE ADDABBO.

JOE was a fair minded and dutiful man, whether serving as chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, as chairman of the Small Business Administration and Minority Enterprises and Franchising Subcommittee or just being a trusted friend. JOE's optimism and belief in the good within all people brought a personal flair to all that he touched, but his relentless fight to reduce waste and fraud left many a tough challenger wondering "what hit them."

Those in the defense area knew that JOE ADDABBO watched for excess and fraud with a scrutiny that saved taxpayers untold millions of dollars and, in doing so, maintained the world's strongest defense. Controlling Federal purse strings, especially those for defense, is no job for the weak of heart, and JOE ADDABBO distinguished himself with fairness and devotion.

This was a patriot in the true sense of the word. JOE ADDABBO was a man who believed deeply in the good of this country

and spent a large part of his life working to ensure that all Americans could enjoy it.

As a friend of the small businessman, JOE worked tirelessly to ensure equal opportunity. A proponent of minority enterprises, he fought for fair and equitable treatment as aspiring minority businessmen and played an important role in bringing many new businesses to this country.

JOE ADDABBO, friend, patriot, Congressman, will be sorely and deeply missed.

Mr. WHITTEN. Mr. Speaker, last week I sat with a large congressional delegation in St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City at the funeral of JOE ADDABBO. We joined his family and friends, the Governor of the State, the mayor of the city and the people of New York in mourning his loss. In many ways the funeral service was a special thanks and an impressive tribute to the man who had served his home so well in the national legislature for over 2½ decades.

Anyone who knew JOE ADDABBO knew that he was every inch a New Yorker. Born and educated in Queens, he practiced law and lived in Queens all his life. Anyone who knew JOE ADDABBO knew how he loved Grace and his family and the people of his home. Anyone who dealt with JOE ADDABBO in the Congress knows how he listened and responded to the complaints and problems of his people—and how hard he fought to advance their interests. His people knew. And they let him know. The boundaries and the composition of his district changed over time. But the voters who first sent him to Washington in 1960 with a 53.5 percent margin of victory returned him 24 years later with a 68-percent vote of appreciation and confidence.

As chairman of the Committee on Appropriations, I always appreciated JOE ADDABBO's strong advocacy of the people's branch of Government. He tirelessly asserted and advanced the role of Congress in handling its constitutional responsibilities and power over the purse. This cause never had a better champion. He came to the Committee on Appropriations in 1963. Over the years he mastered the legislative skills and built a formidable storehouse of knowledge about his principal area of responsibility—defense.

For many years we worked together trying to build a strong defense but at the same time trying not to waste money foolishly in the name of military spending.

JOE ADDABBO became chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee in 1979, and that position gave his legisla-

tive prowess full range. JOE was a staunch advocate of a strong national defense. But with JOE ADDABBO it was not "How much spending is good for defense?" It was "How strong a defense does the Nation have for the money we are spending?" He championed value for the dollar. And the defense appropriations legislation he wrote over the years reflected that spirit in every detail. The national defense and the taxpayer were well served by his work.

Not surprisingly JOE ADDABBO became a major player in the formulation of national defense policy. He moved early to get us out of Vietnam. He challenged the conventional wisdom that national security was best advanced by investing in additional carriers, that the Nation could afford two new bombers in one decade, and that the MX missile would contribute to a stabilizing deterrence. He believed that the single greatest threat faced by mankind was the uncontrollable building of nuclear weapons, and he worked to achieve an atmosphere conducive to arms control.

JOE ADDABBO was a career legislator and a public servant. He was an undaunted advocate, who fought with energy and tenacity for the positions he chose to support. Nobody who took him on ever forgot the experience. He was true to himself. He loved his family, and he was happy in his work. We all cared for JOE immensely. He will sorely be missed here in the House. He was an outstanding citizen who never failed to work as hard as possible for his Nation.

Mr. NATCHER. Mr. Speaker, it was with profound sorrow that I learned of the passing of my friend JOE ADDABBO. Mr. ADDABBO's service in the House of Representatives will continue always to be one of the bright spots in our country's legislative history. He was a good Member of the House in every sense of the word.

He established an outstanding record in the House of Representatives and served with distinction and honor. He loved the House and he believed that our country is one of the greatest countries in the world. His concept of public trust was without parallel and never did he hesitate to speak out against any proposal which he felt was not sound and not in the best interests of our people.

One of the nicest things that has happened to me since I have been a Member of Congress is the opportunity that I had to serve with JOE ADDABBO and especially as a member of the Committee on Appropriations. After serving on our committee for a number of years, he was elected chairman of the subcom-

mittee that appropriates the money for the Department of Defense. He believed that our country should remain strong at all times, but at the same time, that the Department of Defense, like all of the other departments of the Government, should not spend money that was not necessary. I have heard him say on many occasions that additional funds requested for defense were not necessary and that the money should be placed in the subcommittee bill that appropriates the funds for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education. Mr. Speaker, this is the subcommittee that I am chairman of and at all times, my friend JOE ADDABBO worked with us on our bill and especially on each and every occasion when the bill was before the House of Representatives for final passage.

In every position he held, either public or private, he achieved distinction. His service in all of his assignments was marked by a high sense of conscience and duty. His character, his achievements, and his faithful service will be an inspiration to generations yet to come. He will have a high place in the history of our country and in the hearts of his countrymen.

His life exemplifies those virtues that make a great Congressman and those are fairness, generosity, willingness to listen and unyielding devotion to the principles of his party and to all matters which were for the best interests of our country. He left his mark on Congress; not necessarily through legislation which he succeeded in having enacted, but instead through his character itself. He was always a gentleman and always a strong leader.

Mr. Speaker, I have lost a true friend and this country has lost a great statesman. To his lovely wife and family, I extend my deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Mr. SMITH of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the gentleman taking the time, too, as a personal friend, as well as a colleague. I sat next to him on the full committee and had an extended conversation with him just before he left for lunch, where the tragedy occurred that later resulted in his death.

JOE and I served together and we were the only two Democratic Members in Congress who did, on both the Committee on Small Business and the Appropriations Committee. I had an opportunity to know him and see him in action for a number of years and I can tell you this. On the Committee on Small Business, whenever there was some issue there where he could help some small businessmen that he did not even know, but he knew if the small businessman was going to be

affected, he was always there. He found a way to get there and to make his mark shown and he did in legislation.

JOE was an excellent legislator. This House has lost a Member that will be very hard to replace. His wife, Gracie, and his family were a wonderful family. We knew them personally and Bea and I express our profound sorrow to them and hope that someway we can make it through without JOE, but it is going to be very difficult.

Mr. CHAPPELL. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying tribute to a powerful man who never forgot how to be sensitive and courteous. A man who mastered the art of politics and practiced that art at the national level but who never forgot where he came from and the constituents he represented.

A man who loved a wisecrack but understood in detail the extreme complexities of national defense. A man who was a good friend and a dedicated, selfless public servant. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of our colleague JOE ADDABBO.

At a time such as this there are no words that can adequately express the loss this House has suffered. Since first coming to the Congress in 1961, JOE ADDABBO has been a distinct and special individual. When he smiled he made you feel genuine friendship.

His good naturedness was not saved only for fellow Members but for all with whom he came into contact no matter what their capacity or station in life. As he gained in seniority he was always fair in his dealings with his colleagues whether they were on his side or not. While he could make an admiral or general uncomfortable through his direct questioning, we always knew he had the Nation's best interests in mind. He made us all ask how much is enough and by doing so fashioned this Nation's defense debate.

Beyond the defense arena, he maintained the interest he had as a young lawyer from Queens in the issue of human rights. He was a multidimensional Congressman who spoke with authority and conviction on a variety of subjects. He did his homework but remained open to opposing points of view. He was in effect the essence of what is good about being a U.S. Representative.

Mr. Speaker, this great body has been graced by many capable and committed individuals. I can think of none in our long history, however, who gave more of themselves than our friend and my chairman, JOE ADDABBO.

It has been a great and wonderful experience to have been a colleague of his on the Subcommittee on Defense of the Committee on Appropriations. I can think of none that we can honor any more.

We are a poorer gathering with his passing but a stronger institution because of the time he spent with us.

I have lost a true friend and this country has lost a great statesman. To his lovely wife and family, I extend my sincere condolences. They can take comfort in the knowledge that in his 26 years in Congress, JOE left his mark on the Congress and the Nation. He will be greatly missed in this Chamber.

Mr. BIAGGI. Mr. Speaker, it seems like a good humor deed when JOE ADDABBO was born on St. Patrick's Day. JOE was named JOSEPH PATRICK ADDABBO, and each St. Patrick's Day, the party and the revelry in his office would equal that that was going across the Nation. A party that was conducted and arranged by a loving staff; loyal, faithful, and ever loving; and to the very end they remain thus.

JOE spent half of his adult life in the Congress of the United States, and we know he is gone; it is 12 days since he died. The loss is still difficult to measure and impossible to reconcile.

We know of JOE's special interest and feeling about a strong national defense. We also know that he was universally recognized as a watchdog. We know that JOE took on one President over Vietnam and another over Nicaragua. He had a different perspective but he stuck to his principles without yielding.

JOE won some and he lost some, but you always knew that when you tangled with JOE, it was a good, clean fight. The very essence of JOE; he could disagree but never be disagreeable.

As I have said in the New York Post, I considered myself blessed to be a friend of JOE ADDABBO's, and what a good friend he was. He was loyal, dedicated, always up. He was a man with a quick grin, a good story and the legendary little punch.

JOE made public service the profession it was intended to be. He did it by dedicating his heart and soul to it. He did it by blending his national prominence with his total commitment to constituent service.

The result was one the best Members ever to have served this institution. President Reagan called JOE ADDABBO one of the leading players in the development of American military

policy. Speaker O'Neill, who delivered such a moving eulogy of JOE ADDABBO at his funeral said upon learning of his death:

> Joe Addabbo worked diligently to ensure that America's defense was strong, efficient, and effective. He demanded quality for each defense dollar.

As the gentleman from New York [Mr. Stratton] said at the close of Speaker O'Neill's comment, he said: "The bells have rung for the final adjournment. God bless you JOE."

Such a moving experience. But one understands it. To have known JOE was to have loved him in every sense.

Governor Cuomo acknowledged JOE as a great man. Cardinal O'Connor said to Grace Addabbo, JOE's widow:

> While there is a great deal of sorrow in this cathedral, there is a great deal to be thankful for. I have never heard so many accolades as I have heard about your husband.

It was not a period of mourning: it was a period of joy. It was celebration, to know that JOE was finally released from his pain and sorrow in the last years of his life, and go on to a greater reward.

JOE was a special type of Member; he did so many deeds but never sought publicity. It robbed him, perhaps, of gaining proper credit for all his accomplishments; but in many ways, all JOE wanted to do is measure up to his constituency.

JOE, on the Committee on Appropriations, got important funding for senior citizens' programs; education, mass transit, and housing. He was always there when the people of Queens and New York needed him. It is an enduring mark of greatness about JOE, and we will miss him. Especially in these difficult times, New York will miss him grievously.

JOE was an unabashed liberal, and was proud of it. He saw Government's role as to help those in need and to provide opportunities for a better life. For millions in our Nation, we are grateful JOE was able to carry his philosophy to the position where he could, and did make a difference.

At this time, we struggle with feelings. We are in grief over his loss, yet we also celebrate all that was good about JOE. It is a celebration that would last a long time, since there was so much good about this wonderful man while he lived.

JOE was the epitome of so many virtues. He was a man of unparalleled integrity and commitment to basic decent values. JOE was a loyal and dedicated family man to his beloved wife, Grace, and his two sons, Dominick and Joseph, Jr., and daughter Dina.

JOE spent almost half his life here. He came when the Eastern shuttle was still a prop jet. He loved the institution. In

turn, members of both parties respected and had genuine affection for JOE. Few have served with greater distinction; few will be missed more than JOE.

Edmund Burke said: "Government is a contrivance of human wisdom to provide for human wants."

Thanks to JOE ADDABBO and his wisdom and his dedication and his service, there are fewer wants in this world.

As the New York Post article closed: "JOE, go in peace. You helped make this world a more peaceful and restful place."

Mr. Speaker, the passing of JOE ADDABBO leaves a void in this House that may never be filled. That is a tribute to the caliber and the quality of this great man. At this point in the Record, I am inserting a series of articles from major newspapers noting the passing of JOE ADDABBO and his funeral in New York City.

[From the Washington Post, Apr. 12, 1986]

NEW YORK REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH P. ADDABBO DIES

(By Bart Barnes)

Representative JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, 61, a New York Democrat who as chairman of the defense subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee built a reputation as an articulate and forceful opponent of what he considered excessive military spending, died late Thursday night at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He had cancer and recently had suffered a heart attack.

Mr. ADDABBO, who had been in a coma since collapsing March 6, represented a district in Queens. He served for 25 years in the House of Representatives and since 1979 had been chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, the panel that acts on requests for all military spending. In that role he was often critical of high military officers who, he said, frequently shared with civilian bureaucrats a penchant for empire building and a narrowness of vision.

Despite his reputation as a critic of military spending, Mr. ADDABBO always insisted he supported a strong military defense policy. "But I don't take the Pentagon at their word," he once said. "I don't like the attitude of some members, 'Well, let's give them $20 million to play around with this year. Let's give them $40 million next year.' Three years later, the weapon doesn't work, and there's $100 million down the drain."

But Mr. ADDABBO often found himself in a minority position on his own committee, most of whose members tended to have more hawkish views than he. More often than not he was on the losing side of defense spending controversies.

He tried in 1982 to block funding for the MX missile but lost, both in his own subcommittee and in the full Appropriations Committee. He prevailed when he took his case to the floor of the House, although the House later reversed its position and work began on the missile.

In 1973 Mr. ADDABBO sponsored the first antiwar resolution ever to pass the House of Representatives—the cutting off of funds for the bombing of Cambodia. He had supported the war in Southeast Asia during the Johnson administration and in the early years of the Nixon presidency but he subsequently

changed his mind. He also opposed the B–1 bomber and other major weapons systems.

In 1984 he castigated the Defense Department for what he called "a complete breakdown of control over millions of dollars." This followed a report that accused the military of scrapping valuable equipment, then turning around and paying higher prices to buy identical items.

President Reagan called Mr. ADDABBO "one of the leading players in the development of American military policy." He said the Congressman was "widely respected for his knowledge of defense issues even by those who disagreed with him. His genial style was in keeping with the best traditions of American politics."

House Speaker Thomas O'Neill said Mr. ADDABBO "worked diligently to ensure that America's defense was strong, efficient and effective. He demanded quality for each defense dollar."

New York Governor Mario Cuomo called him a "great man whose commitment to integrity and excellence has improved the quality of life for all New Yorkers."

Mayor Edward Koch of New York ordered flags on city buildings to be flown at half staff until after Mr. ADDABBO's funeral. The Congressman, Koch said, "always strove to ensure that people of every race, religion and ethnic origin had a fair hearing and full representation in the Halls of the Capitol."

A native of New York City, Mr. ADDABBO graduated from the City College of New York and St. John's University Law School. He practiced law in Queens, participated in civic and community organizations, and headed Italian-American committees for various candidates.

But he never ran for public office until 1960, when the incumbent Republican Representative from his district retired. With the help of John F. Kennedy's drawing power among Catholic voters, Mr. ADDABBO won with 53.5 percent of the vote.

In the ensuing years the district changed from a predominantly middle class Catholic suburb to an area more closely resembling the inner city with a population that was 65 percent black and Hispanic by the 1984 election.

During that time Mr. ADDABBO established a record of steering defense contracts to Long Island-based industries and listening to constituent problems and complaints. He voted in favor of Federal aid to education and the elderly, in favor of civil rights, and against measures to limit rights to abortion or allow prayer in public schools.

He won most bids for reelection handily, and in the campaigns of 1974 to 1982 had the Republican as well as the Democratic nomination. In 1984 he was challenged in the Democratic primary by Simeon Golar, a black real estate developer, who asked the voters to oust Mr. ADDABBO on the argument that since the district had a black majority it should have a black representative. Mr. ADDABBO won with 68 percent of the vote.

He is survived by his wife, Grace, and three children, Dominic, Dina and Joseph.

[From the New York Daily News, Apr. 12, 1986]

JOE ADDABBO, 61, LOSES CANCER BOUT

(By Frank Jackman and Stuart Marques)

Representative JOSEPH ADDABBO, 61, dean of the city congressional delegation and a fierce critic of military overspending, died late Thursday after a long bout with cancer.

ADDABBO, a 13-term Democrat from Queens whose chairmanship of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee made him a power in Congress, died at 10:48 p.m. Thursday in Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, where he had been in a coma since March 12.

ADDABBO kept a six-year struggle against bladder cancer a secret from even his closest associates though he was hospitalized for four months last year.

ADDABBO, who lived in Ozone Park with his wife, Grace, and three children, Dominic, Dina and Joseph, will be buried Tuesday after a funeral service in St. Patrick's Cathedral.

Mayor Koch ordered flags on city buildings to be flown at half staff.

A genial, back-slapping politician in the clubhouse tradition who was more at home working behind the scenes, ADDABBO, first elected in 1960, was well liked by colleagues in both parties.

ADDABBO, who became chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee in 1979, often began hearings by telling Pentagon brass to brace themselves for significant cuts in their budget. Most of the time he was outvoted.

His biggest victory was in December 1982 when he pushed an amendment through the House blocking production of the MX missile. The House later reversed its position.

He was a tenacious battler when it came to defense contracts for New York and was instrumental in the Navy's decision to homeport the battleship Iowa at Stapleton, Staten Island.

[From the New York Times, Apr. 12, 1986]

REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH ADDABBO DIES; HEAD OF KEY DEFENSE PANEL

(By Ronald Smothers)

Representative JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, a Queens Democrat who had a powerful hand in shaping national defense policy as chairman of a key House subcommittee, died last Thursday at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington. He was 61 years old.

Mr. ADDABBO, who served in Congress for a quarter of a century, had been suffering from cancer of the bladder and had been receiving treatment for six years. He slipped into a coma March 11, five days after he suffered a seizure at a luncheon on Capitol Hill.

Critics of Pentagon spending looked to Mr. ADDABBO, an influential congressional insider, as their most important voice on Capitol Hill against what they viewed as wasteful arms projects.

Earlier, Mr. ADDABBO was a main sponsor of what many consider the first anti-Vietnam War measure to pass the House, a 1973 amendment to cut off funds for the continued bombing of Cambodia. Later, as the subcommittee chairman, Mr. ADDABBO opposed the development of the B–1 bomber and supported a nuclear freeze.

KEY FIGURE IN S.I. BASE PLAN

While his position gave Mr. ADDABBO influence upon the national agenda, it also allowed him to look after the interests of his district and his state. He was able, through defense contracts, to bolster Long Island's aircraft industry, and he was a key figure in the Pentagon's 1983 decision to plan to base a seven-ship Navy battle group on Staten Island, a move that backers say will add thousands of jobs in the metropolitan area.

Yesterday, the Speaker of the House, Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., said Mr. ADDABBO had "won the respect of members of Congress from both sides of the aisle." Governor Cuomo called him a "relentlessly committed Congressman and leader."

First elected to the House of Representatives in 1960 from a district that now covers the southern portion of Queens, from South Jamaica to the Rockaways, Mr. ADDABBO mastered the intricacies of the legislative process and became one of the more influential members on defense and foreign policy.

THE HOUSE IS MY CAREER

While other New York Congressional colleagues, such as Hugh L. Carey and Edward I. Koch, went on to win other elective offices, Mr. ADDABBO stayed in the House, building the seniority that eventually earned him the chairmanship of the Appropriations subcommittee on defense in 1979.

"This is my career," he said.

"If he had a private agenda at all," said a fellow Queens Democratic Congressman, Representative James H. Scheuer, "it was improving New York's position in defense-related contracts.

But Mr. ADDABBO was also, in the words another colleague, Representative Charles B. Rangel, Democrat of Manhattan, a "credible critic" of the steady increase in defense spending in general and of certain weapons systems in particular. Whether arguing in the relative privacy of committee debates or in his rare but significant speeches from the floor of the House, many of Mr. ADDABBO's colleagues credited him with turning the tide against such projects as the MX and Pershing missiles.

NO ORDINARY HAWK

Unlike many other members of Congress, he was not easily catalogued as a hawk or a dove—Mr. Scheuer called him "a chicken hawk."

By that I mean he was for a strong defense, but he wanted a lean and hungry defense," said Mr. Scheuer, who was second to Mr. ADDABBO in seniority among House members from New York City. "JOE viewed the Pentagon generals as a bunch of bureaucrats and he took what they said with a large grain of salt. That made him a major force for rationality in defense spending."

What many called Mr. ADDABBO's "credibility and knowledge;" on defense matters also drew praise from Republicans such as Representative Guy V. Molinari, of Staten Island, with whom Mr. ADDABBO most recently worked on winning final approval on the home-port measure. Mr. Molinari said it had been Mr. ADDABBO who had convinced him, a strong Reagan Administration supporter, and and other Republicans to vote against the President's MX missile program.

Over the years, Mr. ADDABBO also was a chief sponsor of legislation that helped poor families pay for household heat, assisted small businesses and steered funds to economically depressed areas.

LOSSES IN THE REAGAN ERA

Not long after he became chairman of the subcommittee, the Reagan Administration began and Mr. ADDABBO faced a growing national mood more receptive to increased military spending. As a result, Mr. ADDABBO frequently lost legislative skirmishes within his subcommittee—including those on the B–1 and a nuclear freeze. But his criticism of some of the programs—such as the MX missile—as wasteful and inefficient occasionally won out in votes by the full House.

Mr. ADDABBO was born March 17, 1925, in Ozone Park. He attended public schools there, went to the City College of New York and graduated from St. John's University School of Law in 1946. He opened a law practice in Ozone Park, which he maintained until his election to Congress.

Unlike many members of Congress who move to Washington, Mr. ADDABBO commuted to the capital weekly. He once said that he had moved only four times, all within the space of 10 blocks.

He began his Congressional career with a 1960 victory in his first try for elective office as the Democratic candidate in a conservative district that had been represented for many years by Albert H. Bosch, a Republican, who was retiring.

At the time, most observers attributed his victory to the large numbers of Irish and Italian Roman Catholics who turned out to vote for the Democratic presidential candidate, Senator John F. Kennedy. Whatever the reason, Mr. ADDABBO converted that first victory into a string of successes, often running not only on the Democratic line but the Republican and Liberal Party lines as well.

He defied the vagaries of redistricting, which shifted and reshifted his district over the years. He also weathered a strong Conservative Party surge in the 1960's and early 70's along with changes in the ethnic makeup of the area, which went from an overwhelmingly Italian, Irish and German mix in 1960 to one that was nearly two-thirds black and Hispanic residents in 1982.

Mr. ADDABBO conceded that his first real political scare came in 1982 when a black candidate, Simeon Golar, armed with a modern campaign-polling apparatus, nearly edged him out in the Democratic primary election.

In 1984, Mr. Golar, buoyed by the sweep of the district by the Rev. Jesse Jackson in that year's Democratic Presidential primary, challenged Mr. ADDABBO again. But this time, the incumbent hired his own battery of consultants and pollsters and won handily, with 68 percent of the vote.

Mr. ADDABBO is survived by his wife, Grace; two sons, Dominick and Joseph, Jr., and a daughter, Dina, all of South Ozone Park.

A funeral mass is to be said Tuesday at 11 A.M. at St. Patrick's Cathedral, at Fifth Avenue and 51st Street.

Addabbo Praised at Rites—Helped End Viet War, Says Tip

(By Robert Carroll)

U.S. Representative Joseph Addabbo was remembered yesterday as a key architect of the anti-Vietnam War movement in Congress and a man "who loved and cared for people."

At his funeral at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Addabbo was eulogized by his longtime congressional colleague, House Speaker Thomas O'Neill (D-Mass.).

"Joe Addabbo believed it was his own personal duty that no more young Americans died in Vietnam," O'Neill told an audience that included Mayor Koch, Governor Cuomo and dozens of other political notables.

Addabbo represented a district in southeast Queens for 26 years, rising in seniority and influence to the chairmanship of the Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee.

"Some people look upon political life as a sacrifice, a burden to be shed," O'Neill continued. "Joe Addabbo was just the opposite."

"Helping people was a joy to him. Politics was not only a great and worthy profession but a way of life."

Earlier in the Mass, Cardinal O'Connor and Brooklyn Bishop Francis Mugavero both praised Addabbo, who died April 11.

Directing his words to Addabbo's widow, Grace, seated in the first pew with her sons Dominick and Joseph and her daughter Dina, O'Connor told her that "while there is a great deal of sorrow in this cathedral, there is a great deal to be thankful for. I have never heard so many accolades as I have about your husband."

Mugavero referred to Addabbo as "this faithful Christian man" who had "love for the people he served and time for all."

"Joseph Addabbo approached issues and problems from his background of faith," said Mugavero. "In his service to the people, God was with him."

Burial was in St. John's Cemetery in Queens.

Joseph Addabbo: 1925–1986

Death freed Representative Joe Addabbo from the torment of illness Thursday night, but it robbed New York City of its most senior national legislator.

On today's Op-Ed page, his friend and colleague Representative Mario Biaggi (D-Bronx) remembers the man from Ozone Park and Boys High School, from City College and St. John's University Law School, who gave a quarter century of service to the people of South Queens in the House of Representatives. His loss, says Biaggi, is "difficult to measure and impossible to reconcile."

That's the view of The Post as well.

Addabbo's Body Returns Home for Funeral in St. Patrick's

(By Pat Wilks and Larry Nathanson)

The body of Joseph Addabbo, dean of the city's Congressional delegation and a determined watchdog against wasteful defense spending, was brought home yesterday to Queens.

ADDABBO, 61, died of bladder cancer Thursday night in Walter Reed Hospital after almost a month in a coma.

His body was flown to JFK Airport on an Air Force jet and taken with a motorcycle escort to the James Funeral Home at 89-01 Rockaway Blvd. in Ozone Park.

There will be no public viewing, at the family's request.

A heavy turnout of Congressmen, Senators, other public officials and military leaders is expected at a funeral mass for ADDABBO next Tuesday at 11 a.m. at St. Patrick's Cathedral.

ADDABBO lived all his life in Ozone Park, a blue collar neighborhood which changed from largely white to mostly black and which had proved him right when he said several years ago while fending off a primary challenge by a black candidate:

"The people in this district are color blind."

First elected to Congress in 1960, the affable ADDABBO, at his death, was chairman of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee and perhaps the area's most influential congressman.

"An absolute tragedy for the American people," said fellow House Democrat James Scheuer of Queens. ". . . He was the voice of sanity in our defense strategy and tactics."

House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill said ADDABBO had won the respect of Congressmen "from both sides of the aisle" because "he demanded quality for each defense dollar.

[From the New York (NY) Post, Apr. 12, 1986]

N.Y.'s FRIEND—MY FRIEND

(By Representative Mario Biaggi)

We have lost JOE ADDABBO. It is a loss difficult to measure and impossible to reconcile, especially for those of us blessed enough to have been his friend.

The city has lost its most senior and powerful member of Congress. The people of the Sixth Congressional district in Queens have lost a loyal and devoted public servant who gave so much of his time and energy to serving their needs.

JOE ADDABBO gave our city, our state and our nation 26 productive, proud and principled years of service as a member of the House of Representatives. In those years he rose to national prominence as chairman of the all-important Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

JOE ADDABBO took on the tough issues.

He took on one President over Vietnam, another over Nicaragua. He took on the defense establishment over costly weapons systems such as the B-1 bomber.

JOE won some and lost some. Yet when you tangled with JOE, it was a good clean fight. He was a leader who could disagree strongly with you but never be disagreeable in the process.

Many people will remember JOE for his work on the Defense Subcommittee. Yet his overall service on the House Appropriations Committee was outstanding but often overlooked.

JOE's imprint is on scores of important bills which became law over the past 26 years. He was an unabashed liberal Democrat who saw it as government's role to help those in need and to provide opportunities for a better life.

No program, whether Medicare, or higher education, or aid to mass transit or child nutrition, could get money unless its budget was approved by the Appropriations Committee and JOE ADDABBO. JOE did this part of his work with a kind of quiet effectiveness that often kept him out of the limelight. On far too many occasions it caused him not to be given enough credit for all he did.

JOE ADDABBO did not want headlines. All he wanted to do was to get the job done, and he did.

We struggle with our feelings at this moment. We are in grief, yet we are also relieved that JOE ADDABBO is not suffering any more.

JOE ADDABBO, sweet, kind and totally unassuming, endured a silent six-year struggle with cancer. Did he let it slow him down? No. Did he let it get him down? No.

JOE was active until the final days. He loved his life, his work, his country and the people he represented too much to be any other way. He never wanted to burden anyone with his problems, no matter how serious they were. That was his nature, that was a measure of the greatness of the man.

JOE ADDABBO was as good as he was because he mirrored the people he represented. A man of unparalleled integrity with high moral principles and values, he never let the trappings of power cause him to be removed from his constituents. He served them long enough that they were part of an extended Addabbo family.

He truly loved his constituents and it was genuinely reciprocated over a lifetime.

JOE ADDABBO spent almost half his life as a member of the House of Representatives. He loved the institution and those who served in it. In turn, members of both parties respected and had genuine affection for JOE. Few have served in the House with greater distinction. Few who have served will be missed more than JOE.

JOE ADDABBO is gone, but he will be remembered for his impact on our nation's development and for his countless deeds of kindness and charity over a lifetime.

JOE, go in peace. You helped make this world a more peaceful and restful place.

Mr. RANGEL. I thank the dean for getting this time for all of us, in our small way, to pay tribute to a long and dear friend. It is strange how so many people felt the very special relationship to JOE, and I guess that is because he took the time out to be concerned about our problems, and struggle with cancer for so long that none of us really knew it; and yet even in the closing days of his life, he would come over and ask us individually about how some problem that we had was facing us.

We all have different special feelings for JOE; sometimes I think about the morning meetings, the afternoon meetings, the evening meetings; and we look at each other and wonder: why do we have to attend all of these meetings for special interest groups or groups that have come here from New York for some special reason?

And yet, JOE was one among all of the delegation that was always there; knew something about each and every one of the problems that people had.

So the gentleman is right; we are trying hard to try to replace in some small way the way JOE opened up his heart in New York City to so many of the Members, to understand Broadway, to understand the poor communities, to understand Gracie Mansion, and I guess it is because that JOE was really New York City. He was everything that we would want people to think that New York City was: a friendly town; sometimes rough, but always having the compassion to understand other people's problems and to respect and recognize those differences.

I only hope that God gives the strength to Grace, to his sons, Dominick and Joseph, to understand that life would have been terribly different if we in the Congress did not have a JOSEPH ADDABBO, and some of us who have followed him now have a much higher standard to follow, and those to follow us will never forget that JOE ADDABBO walked through this House of Representatives and left his mark.

In his 26 years in Congress, JOE ADDABBO gained the respect of all who came into contact with him. He was one of the most effective legislators I have ever known. On Capitol Hill, he was a respected leader in making certain that our defense policy stayed within the bounds of the law. When necessary, he used the power of the purse to curtail what he thought were unacceptable expenditures on unneeded weapons systems. In this way JOE let the Pentagon know that it ultimately answers to the American people and their representatives.

On the domestic front, JOE ADDABBO delivered what was needed for his people back home. He grew up in the district which eventually sent him to Washington. The people knew him, and they trusted him. He was instrumental in preserving New York City's defense-based industry, creating jobs for the people who most needed them. His voting record was consistently humanitarian. When civil rights and community-oriented bills came to the floor, JOE ADDABBO could be counted on to cast his vote.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to conclude by saying that JOE ADDABBO was the kind of man who cared about people. He cared about them as individuals, not in the abstract as constituents. His breed is very rare, and very precious. I will miss him.

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for arranging this special order and it is with deep regret and sym-

pathy that I rise to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to our departed colleague and dear friend the gentleman from New York, JOE ADDABBO.

During his quarter century in the House, JOE ADDABBO served as an inspiration to his colleagues. JOE's dedication to his tasks, his even-tempered fairness, his gentlemanly demeanor earned for him the respect of us all.

JOSEPH P. ADDABBO was first elected to the House in 1960, to the seat vacated by the retiring Representative Albert H. Bosch. Representative Bosch was a Republican, representing a district that had remained in the Republican column for many years, and some observers thought that JOE ADDABBO's first election was a one-time fluke brought about by the presence of John F. Kennedy on the Democratic ticket. JOE soon proved them wrong, however, winning reelection 12 times, sometimes with Republican endorsement and sometimes despite dramatic redistricting boundary shifts.

JOE ADDABBO made it clear that his first love was his home district in Queens. He commuted to Washington weekly, and was proud to remind us that he moved only four times in his life—all within the space of 10 blocks in Ozone Park.

JOE ADDABBO's diligence eventually brought him to the chairmanship of the Subcommittee on Defense on the House Appropriations Committee in 1979. During the seven years that he served in this position, he became the model of an outstanding legislative leader. He was vigilant as a congressional watchdog against Pentagon waste. Although JOE ADDABBO was adept at trimming the fat away from our defense appropriations, he was just as diligent in making certain that we didn't cut into any vital muscle of our Nation's defense.

In 1982, the residents of our mid-Hudson Valley of New York received the benefits of Congressman ADDABBO's skill and compassion. After years of private fundraising efforts, construction was finally ready to commence on the Jewish chapel for the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. But just as work was about to begin on this long-overdue project, an obscure law dating from the 1890's was found which would have prohibited the Jewish chapel from being connected to the utilities at West Point. The appropriation process for that fiscal year was completed, and it appeared that years of effort on the part of many dedicated people would prove to be for naught.

When this problem was explained to JOE ADDABBO, he took on the cause as his own. He found a legislative vehicle to allow an exemption to this law, and conducted a personal lobbying

effort to ensure its passage. In many ways, the West Point Jewish chapel is a memorial to the leadership of Congressman JOE ADDABBO.

In recent years, the ethnic composition of JOE's district shifted dramatically. As a result, some observers predicted JOE's defeat. But JOE ADDABBO surprised them all, winning 68 percent of the primary vote, and 83 percent of the general election vote, in the last election. It became obvious that the high regard JOE ADDABBO held for his constituency was mutual.

To his beloved widow, Grace, to his two sons Dominick and Joseph, Jr., and to his daughter, Dina, I join my colleagues in offering our deepest condolences.

This Chamber, and our Nation, are better places because of JOE ADDABBO. We in the House are privileged to have known him and to have worked with him. JOE's shoes will be hard to fill. We will long miss JOE ADDABBO.

Mr. MCHUGH. I thank the gentleman for yielding and for giving us this opportunity to express our admiration and affection for our colleague, JOE ADDABBO.

Mr. Speaker, the recent death of our colleague JOE ADDABBO is a great loss for his family, for his friends, and for the people of Queens whom he represented so effectively for many years. His passing is also a real loss for the House of Representatives and the Nation at large.

The historical accounts of our time will surely credit the leadership JOE ADDABBO provided to Congress as chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. At a critical period in our Nation's history, he brought to defense issues a rare combination of expertise and commonsense. He recognized the need for a strong, credible defense, and he worked hard to assure that our Nation had it. At the same time. JOE was willing to ask tough questions, to hold the Pentagon to sound management standards, and, when required, to oppose unnecessary or destabilizing military expenditures. Striking this kind of balance in defense policy was not always easy, but JOE had an unusual talent for doing so.

I had the privilege of serving with JOE on the Appropriations Committee, and of course we were both members of the New York delegation. For this reason I had many opportunities to observe and admire JOE's self-effacing, diligent, and effective service to this House and to the people of our country. He was a person of strong convictions which were the more persuasive because they were untinged by excessive pride or ego. And

even with those with whom he strongly disagreed, he was a gentle, kind, and considerate man.

Mr. Speaker, we will all miss JOE ADDABBO. It was a privilege to serve with him in this House. His contributions and his example will long be remembered.

Mr. LENT. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I join my colleagues today in paying tribute to one of America's finest statesmen, former Congressman JOSEPH ADDABBO, who passed away earlier this month. JOE was always a fighter. Despite a long and difficult battle against cancer, he continued to work tirelessly here in Congress, serving his own constituents, New York State, and the Nation until the last.

As a fellow member of the New York State congressional delegation, I had the great honor of serving alongside JOE in the House for 16 years. Every weekend, JOE would travel from Washington, DC, to his home in Ozone Park, Queens and, we'd often run into each other on the shuttle to New York's La Guardia Airport or on the return flight early Monday morning. Sharing the plane ride together many times over the years, I came to know JOE as a kind and compassionate family man who had a great sense of humor. As a politician, he was a knowledgeable strategist and worthy opponent in a debate. JOE ADDABBO was tough but he was always fair.

From his powerful position as chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, JOE ADDABBO was admired and respected by Members on both sides of the aisle as a forceful advocate of a strong, but lean, national defense. Under his leadership, the Appropriations Defense Subcommittee successfully trimmed billions of dollars in excess defense spending.

Since 1979, when JOE assumed his subcommittee's chairmanship, he was a staunch ally for Long Island's defense and aerospace industry.

He played a key role in securing for Long Island several of its recent major defense contracts, including the upgrading of Grumman Corp.'s F-14 Tomcat fighter and the Fairchild Republic Co.'s T-46 jet trainer aircraft. He continued to fight for the T-46 even from his hospital bed where he was battling against cancer. JOE was committed to ensuring that New York received its fair share of defense dollars, and as chairman of the Long Island congressional caucus, I will always be grateful for his valuable help and support.

JOE ADDABBO was a public servant in the truest sense of the word. For over a quarter of a century, he served his Queens constituents and his country with honor and distinction. In losing JOE, we have lost a beloved colleague and one of the finest individuals ever to serve in Congress. This outstanding American has earned a place in the hearts of his countrymen and the history of our Nation. I know I speak for all who knew and loved JOE in saying that he will be sorely missed. My wife, Barbara, and I extend our deepest sympathies to his loyal staff, his beloved wife Grace, and his two sons and daughter.

Mr. GARCIA. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

I would like to also commend the gentleman for taking this time because I just think it is so appropriate for a man like JOE ADDABBO.

Mr. Speaker, we are here today to remember one of our own, JOE ADDABBO.

Mr. Speaker, he served his community and his Nation for over 25 years as a Member of this institution.

JOE ADDABBO had the appearance of being an ordinary politician, a product of his community, not a mover and shaker. But in reality JOE was both. He was very definitely a product of his community, which, I might add, he served with distinction. He was also one of the most influential Members of the House.

JOE rose to the top because he was willing to work hard. He was willing to make sure his constituents were taken care of, while he also kept a watchful eye on issues of national importance, such as defense spending. In facts, as chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, he always tried to keep military spending in line with what he thought the American people wanted. He made sure that defense appropriations did not completely overtake spending for necessary social assistance programs.

Yet, JOE ADDABBO was more than a good politician, he was a friend. JOE was down to earth; he was always approachable. He never forgot his roots. JOE worked hard to see that all men and women were treated fairly. He fought for civil rights legislation, to make sure that in the eyes of the law all men were created equal.

It is difficult to list JOE's many accomplishments. After 25 years, he achieved too much for us to mention in one hour. There is, however, one thing about JOE that made him stand out from the crowd: His humanity. JOE was always willing to

lend a helping hand. He never had an inflated sense of himself. He never caught "Potomac fever."

Now, we must go on without JOE, without his warm smile and human touch. His passing has definitely brought saddness to many of us, but our memories of him will always bring us warmth. We will surely miss JOE ADDABBO.

You know, Mr. Speaker, there was just one quick moment during that period of time when he had been hospitalized for several months and then came back for a short period. He sat here and he said:

> Bob, I have to tell you a funny story. You know, when I was over at the hospital, I had this young doctor taking care of me, and he came over to me and he was really terrific. He really hovered over me, made sure I had all of my needs taken care of. He was a person who I had helped get into the military academy. You know what, Bob, you know what his name was? It was Dr. Garcia.

And I really appreciated that because even today we passed a resolution dealing with Jewish heritage. That was a resolution that JOE ADDABBO passed every year. As chairman of the Census Subcommittee handling those bills I can remember his insistence, "Bob, are we going to get it out, are we going to get it out?" I can tell you even today with JOE ADDABBO gone for a couple of weeks, we are still today working on legislation and resolutions that he really treasured.

So I thank my colleague for giving me these few minutes to praise a great colleague.

Mr. MANTON. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I mark the passing of my distinguished colleague and friend, JOSEPH P. ADDABBO. JOE leaves us a legacy of over a quarter century of service in the House of Representatives to his constituents, his city, his State, and his country. He stood out as an example of how one should carefully handle the public trust in order to inspire public confidence in our political institutions.

The people of the Sixth Congressional District of New York were indeed fortunate to have such a representative of candor, courage and integrity. JOE ADDABBO was a true representative of his constituents. Throughout his life he lived within a 10-block area. He spoke not only from his own ideology, but also on behalf of his constituency. The faith his constituents placed in him was reflected by the way he was returned to Washington 13 times.

Mr. Speaker, JOE ADDABBO was a leader in the great issues of his day in civil rights, education and senior citizens. However, his largest impact was in the area of defense. In 1973, he

sponsored the first antiwar resolution ever to pass the House of Representatives, cutting off funds for the bombing of Cambodia. As chairman of the Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee, he advocated a strong but lean and cost effective defense, objecting to projects he considered wasteful, such as the B–1 bomber and the MX missile.

When I was elected to the Congress in the fall of 1984 to the district next to his in Queens, JOE ADDABBO was always available to assist me in any way possible. He was influential in helping me obtain a seat on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee and also a seat on the Banking Committee. Both these assignments are important for the people of my district.

Mr. Speaker, JOE ADDABBO was a skillful legislator who was always a good friend and political adviser to me. He consistently aided those in our society who most need our concern and assistance. His accomplishments will survive as a fitting tribute to his long and outstanding career of public service in the House of Representatives. I join all my colleagues in mourning JOE's death, celebrating his life, and recalling his lasting contributions to New York and to America. My heartfelt condolences go out to Grace, the children and the entire Addabbo family.

Mr. ACKERMAN. I thank the gentleman very much.

I miss JOE ADDABBO. It is really hard to believe that he is not here with us in the Chamber at this time.

When I came here a few short years ago, JOE had already been here for two decades. He was a legend in the community. But we never really fully understand the power that he wielded here in the Congress and how much he meant to this institution and to the entire country. JOE was always there. He was the quintessential good guy. Everybody knew him, everybody liked him. He had a district in which if he walked down the street, there was not a person that he could not call by their first name and talk to them and tell them a story about what happened when they were kids or about their father or about their family.

We used to kid him back home in Queens in the political circles. JOE used to be able to walk into the largest of meetings, be they political, civil, social, and as we call it, "do the room." He would be able to work the room and shake hands with every single person in the room, to give them a good word, to pat them on the back, tell them a story, and to be out of the place within 20 minutes.

Nobody ever knew how he did it.

We used to try to compete with him and say, "JOE, I will be out of the room before you." And he sometimes would be out of the room before we got there, and everybody thought that JOE was still there because he had such a sense of presence, yet his presence was not overpowering, regardless of the power that he actually did have.

There was not a person who had a bad word for JOE. JOE was elected and reelected from a district that some people finally at the last two elections thought was impossible for him to accomplish. It was a district that changed racially. It was a district that changed because of reapportionment. It was a district that people suggested JOE possibly not run in, that he run in an adjoining district where he would have a better chance because of the statistics. But JOE, courageously and from his heart, said, "This is the place that I was born, this is the place that I have represented for the past quarter of a century, and this is the place that I am going to run." He did run and was elected overwhelmingly in the last two elections, despite what all of the pundits had to say.

All of the people that he was good to over the years were also good to JOE. He did not take anybody for granted. I feel kind of guilty, and I know that his constituents do, too, because we sort of took him for granted. We really never understood the full worth of the man.

Having come here to Congress a few short years ago, I have been privileged to realize the kind of things that JOE has been involved in. And as fortune would have it, JOE and I alphabetically were the first two names on the rollcall. I would always look up to the upper lefthand corner just to make sure that I would vote, and I would notice everybody else used to look up to that upper lefthand corner. They were not looking to see if I voted or not; they were really looking to see what JOE had done and what JOE thought on a particular issue. Such was his influence in this House.

When I got here, I remember he draped his arm around me with that great big teddybear grin of his, and he looked at me and he said, "This is what it is all about. How can I help you?" And help he did as he did with so many other people.

I would see him sit in different places in this Hall, whether it be on the Democratic side or the Republican side, it would make no difference to JOE. He had friends all over. Everybody loved him.

Mr. Speaker, I miss JOE. I know everybody in this House does. He leaves his mark here that is indelible, and he leaves a

void that is going to be impossible for all of us, even collectively, to fill.

Mr. LIVINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me, and I congratulate the gentleman for taking this special order.

I am here primarily to pay tribute to a fellow who was indeed a great man. He was the powerful chairman of the Subcommittee on Defense on the Appropriations Committee. But notwithstanding his power in that capacity, notwithstanding his many, many years as a U.S. Congressman, he also was a very nice person. He was a man of the people.

Mr. Speaker, I did not really know JOE in the first 8 years that I served here in the House of Representatives. I knew him casually, as we would come and go and would chat in the Halls or on the floor of the House. But it really was not until I came to have a chance to serve on the Defense Subcommittee on the Appropriations Committee that I got to know him, that I had the ability to watch him and to observe him, how he handled the committee with such grace and charm. Oftentimes he was even outvoted by the vast majority of the members of the subcommittee. We did not always agree. But when we did not agree, it was always in good spirit and good humor and in grace and in charm that JOE constantly possessed.

He was a gracious man and a nice man, but he was also a tough man. Evidently, the facts indicate that he had been sick for years without anybody really knowing the details of his illness. Yet, in only May of last year, with enormous grace and charm, he invited Members of the House and their families—and I think that is terribly significant that he brought their families, their wives and their children—with him to his city up in New York and showed them around with a great deal of pride and fanfare, and showed them the high spots of that wonderful Big Apple of his. I have to say that never, not one instance, during that trip did he ever indicate that he knew that he was ill, and he looked wonderful. He was charming and gracious and presented everybody with a perfectly wonderful time. It was a great pleasure for my wife and children to go on that trip with me and to be hosted by JOE and Gracie and his family and friends. I just want to tell you that that is a memory that I will want to take with me for the rest of my life, because it was not long after that trip that JOE's health started to decline and it became obvious that he did have a problem even then.

He was tough to the end. He never let on that it was as serious as it was.

As the speakers who preceded me, I will indeed miss JOE ADDABBO, because he was a fine man and a man with whom I personally am very, very pleased to have been associated.

Mr. RUDD. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me, and I appreciate the fact that the gentleman took out this special order for our friend and colleague, JOE ADDABBO.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in eulogy to our friend and colleague, JOE ADDABBO. He repeatedly demonstrated an ability that was recognized universally here in the House of leadership in politics and in government, which he understood very well.

Mr. Speaker, it was a pleasure for me to know him and to call him friend. He will be missed by all of us.

I wish to extend greatest sympathy and assure his family and theirs that he is in our prayers and in my prayers.

It has been a privilege to serve with JOE on the Appropriations Committee.

Mr. REGULA. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding to me. I also appreciate the gentleman taking out the time for this special order.

Many before me tonight have discussed JOE ADDABBO's skill and dedication as a legislator.

I share the appreciation of these qualities.

One of JOE's great attributes was that he had his priorities right.

He loved his church, he loved his family, and he loved his country.

We will miss him as a cherished colleague, we will miss him as a friend and we will miss him as a valuable Member of this body.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding, and very much thank the gentleman for taking out this special order in memory and in great honor of JOSEPH P. ADDABBO.

Mr. Speaker, I first met Joe right after I was elected to Congress in 1980. I asked around and people said you ought to go see JOE ADDABBO. So I called him up. I never expected to talk to the man. I called him up at his office in Ozone Park, and he said, "Come on out. I am here at the office. It was a Saturday. I traveled out and there was Joe in his shirt sleeves, a kindly looking man, not the kind of man you would think was in the

movies about how a Congressman would look. He was happy and smiling and just warm and genuine.

He sat with me for over 2 hours, and we talked over potential committee choices and everything else. I went away saying, "Boy, oh boy, what a nice man JOE ADDABBO is."

The second time I met him, the mayor of New York had a reception at Gracie Mansion—no. I think it was at City Hall. It was a meeting about some kind of thing. It was again before Congress started. I am walking over to city hall and who comes up from out of the subway saying, "Hi, Schumer," JOE ADDABBO. I said, "JOE, you took the subway?" He said, "Yes. When I go into the city out from Ozone Park, I take the subway in." Here was a man who was revealed to me to be one of the most powerful men in the Congress, and there he was coming up the steps of the subway with that big smile on his face.

Those were the first two memories of JOE, and they stick, because, as my good colleague from Queens mentioned before, JOE had a lot of power; not only power, by the way, that came from the authority of his position, power that came from his decency and his personality and his kindness and goodness.

But the humble ways of life never left him, and that created an aura about JOE. He was not somebody who was brandishing the chairmanship that he had or the perquisites of the office. He was somebody who genuinely cared and liked people.

So we have lots of people who have attained the statutory position and power that JOE did here in the Congress but very few had almost universal respect. JOE's power was augmented by the fact that he never, never lost touch with what real life was all about. In a sense, he was like the Greek mythology figure, who, every time he touched the ground, gained strength, and the only way Hercules could strangle him and kill him was to hold him up in the air. JOE gained strength from walking on the ground, from not being 20 feet up in the air. It made him more effective, it made him more powerful, but most of all, it spoke to the decency of the man.

We in New York, in New York City and New York State, have suffered a loss that will take years to replace, a man who could reach out to every Member of the Congress, regardless of party, ideology, or area from which they came, and again in a gentle and kind way, persuade them to his point of view.

We in America have lost a great leader—words that are sometimes used too casually, but words that are truly fitting of this wonderful, wonderful man.

Of course, the people of Queens and JOE's family have lost, in a personal sense, somebody who was among the best.

Being in Congress, Mr. Speaker, has really made me a patriot. It has made me a patriot because the Congress reflects the American people. When you look around and see the people in this body, you know what a good people the American people are. And if somebody typifies that to me, it is JOE ADDABBO. It is JOE ADDABBO, not was JOE ADDABBO, because he will walk with us for many, many more years to come in this body.

Mr. WEISS. I thank the distinguished gentleman for yielding, and I want to express my appreciation to the gentleman for taking this special order so that we could join in honoring the memory of our late colleague and friend, JOSEPH P. ADDABBO.

Mr. Speaker, few Members have earned so much respect and affection from both sides of the aisle as JOE ADDABBO. His devotion to public life and his painstaking attention to detail made him one of the most effective legislators in the House.

I know that I share the sentiments of every Member of this body in mourning his passing and extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Grace, and his sons, Dominic and Joseph, and the other members of his family, his many friends and his constituents.

In the House of Representatives, JOE ADDABBO leaves behind an untold number of friends and admirers who will greatly miss his genial and yet statesmanlike presence. He also leaves behind an important and continuing legacy in the areas of foreign policy and defense. As a Member of the Congress, JOE ADDABBO distinguished himself by becoming one of the first lawmakers to take a firm stand against the Vietnam war. He sponsored the first antiwar resolution to pass the House, a resolution cutting off funds for the bombing of Cambodia. It was an action that took courage, foresight, and determination.

Of course, JOE ADDABBO played his most important role as chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense. He understood that there was more to the security of our Nation than the size of the defense budget, and he earned the accolades of Members for insisting that defense dollars requested by the administration, any administration, be fully justified before being approved.

In doing so, he helped rein in the runaway policy of throwing dollars at the Pentagon and helped to forge our defense budget into more of a defense policy.

It was JOE ADDABBO who led many of the most important battles against wasteful and dangerous weapon systems like the B–1 bomber and the MX missile. He began these battles and pursued them vigorously, despite the fact that he often faced strong opposition from Members of his own subcommittee and from the administration. He did so because he was convinced that these weapons would not contribute to the security of our Nation.

The concerns of his Queens constituents were always uppermost in JOE's mind. He took the time to listen to them and to understand their needs. He insisted that the Federal Government play a role in protecting civil rights and in aiding the poor and the uneducated. He was also a staunch supporter of a woman's right to choose her own determination as to her body in regard to abortion.

But in recent years, JOE ADDABBO fought more than legislative battles. He also fought a long and difficult battle against cancer. In that battle, as in all others, he distinguished himself with courage, dignity, and perseverance.

In the Borough of Queens, throughout New York City and across this Nation, the memory of JOE ADDABBO will always serve as an inspiration to those who value excellence and believe in serving our fellow human beings.

On this occasion I wish to once again express my profound sorrow at the loss of our cherished colleague and to extend my heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends and constituents of JOE ADDABBO.

JOE, we will never forget you.

Mr. MOLINARI. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I guess what we have all been saying here this afternoon and this evening is how much we all loved JOE ADDABBO. I think the tragedy of life and death is that, unfortunately, after you die, you do not know the respect that your colleagues have held you and the country has held you. Attending the mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral was a terribly moving experience for me. I was sitting near Congressman Schumer, and we were looking about, at our colleagues, and we saw tears flowing down cheeks all over the place, and we knew that we were there to pay respects to that "teddy bear" that we all loved.

Mr. Speaker, I wonder how many of us could have carried on the battle as he did, suffering the torment that he did. I have thought a lot about this. I do not know how JOE could

continue to smile, as he did, like there was nothing wrong with him.

I would like to just mention one experience I had not so long ago. I guess it was in January when JOE returned from a long absence. As Congressman Ackerman said before, he used to sit on the Republican side a lot. I think that said something. We would have welcomed him with open arms, needless to say. But I did not see him walk in, and he popped into the seat next to me and patted me on the leg and said, "How are you doing?" I turned around, and I was shocked because I did not know JOE was back. I looked at him, and he looked great; he had a tan, and he was wearing that ever-present smile. He asked me how I felt. At that point in time I felt good about JOE ADDABBO. I thought maybe he has turned the corner and now he is on his way back to us. But, no, he knew what he had. He knew what he had and it did not buffalo him for one minute. The courage of that man and the spirit of that man was never broken by that terrible illness, never broken for one moment. And I think that is the thing that touches me the most—it is at a time like that, when a person is dying and knows that he is dying and can carry on, performing his duties, and at the same time smiling to his colleagues and saying, "I am proud to be one of you."

I will close by saying that unfortunately throughout this land of ours those who serve in Congress and other legislative bodies are generally not held in high esteem, and I think that is a product of a lot of things—sometimes bad press, bad media coverage, and what not—but I wish to God that all the people of this Nation could have been in St. Patrick's Cathedral, could have witnessed three planeloads of colleagues flying in from all over the country to be there with the man in his final moments before interment. It was an incredible experience for me and something that I shall never forget.

He left his mark, all right. He left his mark for all of us. JOE is still here. JOE will always remain with us because of the incredible presence that he lent to us and the lessons that he taught all of us.

Mr. VENTO. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I want to again rise and commend the gentleman from New York, the dean of the delegation, for having this special order and to share a few of my experiences with JOE ADDABBO. I first met him as a Member of this body in 1977. Of course, first and foremost, as a Member I might say that I think that the reason that this outpouring of support and

recognition for him is forthcoming is because JOE was himself. JOE ADDABBO was a man who was natural and sincere and someone that we all shared a great deal of affection for. I knew him, of course, as a Member of this body and a member of the Appropriations Committee, and later serving as chairman in a distinguished manner of the Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations, where he fought and labored so much of the time during his service in this body. I think he had the quality of being able to disagree. Often I found myself in agreement with him, I might say, on many issues. He was a great leader, from my perspective, on these defense-related issues that are so important to our Nation's history and our Nation's future; but he could disagree without being disagreeable. I think all of us respected that. He could fight the fight and make the argument for policy, and when it was done, that was the end of it—you had a good debate. I think that reflected well on him and on the quality of decisions that are made in this body.

As I say, I felt that he always had a good perspective and could keep things in perspective with regard to these issues, as well as representing the people.

In his final days we all recognized that he had a serious illness. It was not obvious when it began because he kept it pretty much to himself. But we recognized this, and he showed us again, I think, not just how to serve this body but, as the great person he was, I think he showed us how to leave this body.

I want to offer my condolences, of course, to Mrs. Addabbo, Grace, and the family, and I think he has made a great contribution at the national level and certainly has been a role model for many of us who serve here. He will indeed be missed but certainly not forgotten.

Mr. STRATTON. I thank the gentleman from Minnesota for his remarks.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to announce that the New York State Legislature adopted a resolution yesterday in memory of our late colleague, JOSEPH P. ADDABBO. In both the State senate and assembly, Mr. ADDABBO was memorialized in a resolution sponsored by the leadership and the members of the legislature from the Borough of Queens. Congressman ADDABBO was well recognized and regarded by the legislative leadership in the State of New York. It was through his leadership in this House that many of New York's Federal programs received their sponsorship and support.

I am including in the Record a copy of the resolution which was adopted in Albany, NY, yesterday:

RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESSMAN JOSEPH P. ADDABBO

Whereas, JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, Member of Congress, succumbed following a long illness on Thursday, April tenth, nineteen hundred eighty-six at Walter Reed Military Hospital, Washington, D.C. at the age of sixty-one after a quarter of a century of service in the Congress of the United States; and

Whereas, Mr. ADDABBO was born March seventeenth, nineteen hundred twenty-five to Dominick and Anna ADDABBO in Queens County, New York and resided in Ozone Park, New York; attended PS 59, Queens Boy's High School, Brooklyn; City College, New York; St. John's Law School, Queens. He was admitted to the New York State Bar in 1946; was a member of Queens County Bar Association, Columbia Lawyers Association; and

Whereas, Mr. ADDABBO began his Congressional career in nineteen hundred sixty-one and served as the Chairman of the powerful House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee since nineteen hundred seventy-nine. His careful eye against wasteful budget expenditures was well-known. At the time of his death, he was also serving on the Subcommittees of the Small Business Committee: SBA and SBIC Authority, Minority Enterprise, General Small Business Problems, and General Oversight. Past committee assignments include Veteran's Affairs, and Post Office-Civil Service; and

Whereas, Mr. ADDABBO was a tireless defender of the interests of New York State and was remarkably successful in protecting New York's defense industries and was instrumental in bringing the Battleship Group to Staten Island; the Intrepid Museum to Manhattan; the construction of the A–6 Training Plane and F–14 Fighter Jets to Long Island; and the Army to Fort Drum. The State and City of New York will be forever grateful to the Congressman for his efforts in providing vital assistance to New York's housing, economic development, transportation, and public assistance programs. He was a masterful public figure, and was well-loved by his colleagues on both sides of the aisle; and

Whereas, Mr. ADDABBO is survived by his beloved wife, Grace Salamone, and three children, Dominick, Dina and Joseph; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to acknowledge the life, career and contributions of JOSEPH P. ADDABBO and to express its condolences to his family upon the occasion of his passing; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to his beloved wife, Mrs. Grace Addabbo.

Mr. MCDADE. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the House is taking the time today to honor JOE ADDABBO.

Congress has lost one of its most respected legislators with JOE's passing, and many of us in the House lost a good friend as well. I came to know JOE ADDABBO by serving with him many years on the Small Business and Appropriations Committees. We worked side by side over the years in a bipartisan fashion for objectives we believed would best serve this country.

When you work many long hours with a colleague, as I did with JOE, you get to know him well. I developed a professional respect and a personal friendship with JOE by working closely with him while he was chairman and I was ranking Republican on the Small Business Subcommittee on Minority Enterprise and General Oversight and, most recently, on the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

JOE ADDABBO will probably best be remembered for presiding over the Nation's defense budget at a crucial time in our Nation's history. He used his high-ranking position to fight tirelessly to cut waste and bureaucracy in the Department of Defense. JOE took on these battles because he felt the Nation and the world would be more secure, and because he believed that the tax dollars of our citizens should be used in the most efficient and effective manner.

JOE's prominence in the defense area makes it easy to overlook his enormous contribution in the small business area, particularly on behalf of minority businesses. I worked with JOE nearly a decade ago to establish the small and small disadvantaged business subcontracting program for Federal contracts. Five years ago, we teamed up to protect small and minority businesses when we protested provisions in the multilateral trade agreements that would have undermined the 8(a) setaside. It is not an exaggeration to say that our small business community is more economically viable and that new opportunities for minority business success exist today because of JOE ADDABBO's efforts.

JOE will be truly remembered for his achievements, but those of us who knew him will also think of his personal attributes. He was a compassionate, understanding, evenhanded, and kind man. I think the best tribute we can give to JOE ADDABBO would be to carry on in his absence with the same professionalism and humanity that were his trademarks.

To his wife, Grace, and to his fine children, our heartfelt sympathy.

Mr. FISH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my friend and colleague, JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, a great New Yorker and a true gentleman. We served together in this body and as part of the New York delegation for 18 years. He bravely fought through 6 years of suffering and never made an issue of his troubles so that he could continue his important work here in the House. It is important to note that in his last 6 years he gained the most recognition of his fine work as chair-

man of the Subcommittee on Defense of the Appropriations Committee.

JOE tried hard to balance the best interests of his district, New York State and the Nation. He was always open minded and fair. When he was considering decisions of enormous consequence such as funding for the MX or B–1 bomber, he would always take the time to listen to the smaller concerns of Members not on his subcommittee. I will not forget his support for the development of a military component at Stewart Airport in my district and that it came at an especially critical time.

JOE will be sorely missed. I had the good fortune to work with him and was privileged to call him a friend.

Mr. GUARINI. Mr. Speaker, the opportunity to speak a few words about our dear departed colleague, JOSEPH ADDABBO, is an opportunity for me to reflect on what it means to be a Member of Congress, what skills and talents we bring to this splendid institution. All of us who served with JOE ADDABBO have been very fortunate, for he brought many gifts to the House of Representatives. He brought a strong sense of fairness and integrity which was reflected in all of his dealings with his colleagues. He brought a keen sense of vision as to the direction we should be leading the country. And he brought courage—first, in opposing the war in Vietnam and later, in confronting his final illness.

A St. John's Law School graduate, Mr. ADDABBO practiced law as a people's lawyer in Queens before being elected to Congress. He was a man who never strayed far from his neighborhood and friends of the Sixth District of New York and also never strayed far from his deep personal convictions about how his constituents should be.

Representative ADDABBO, first elected to Congress in 1960, ranked 21st in House seniority. Mr. ADDABBO acquired his seniority via the usual mode of reelection, but over those years he also garnered respect and authority from his fellow Members, by his love for this great institution and his fundamental fairness. Congressman ADDABBO had gained a reputation for working closely with other Members, and being an effective strategist in shepherding legislation through the legislative process.

Congressman ADDABBO chaired the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense since 1979, and was an esteemed and trusted adviser on all defense and military issues. He was an astute

politician, a watchdog against waste, and an expert and specialist in all areas of defense related legislation.

His membership on the Small Business Committee and related subcommittees kept him dedicated and aware of all business concerns. Congressman ADDABBO worked in behalf of small business, especially minority businesses in his district. The thriving small business population in Queens can give testament to all of the Congressman's legislative accomplishments.

Congressman ADDABBO was a practical politician who sought to solve the problems of Queens by bringing employment in military and defense areas and by aiding the business population. Mr. ADDABBO was a true friend of the people, and he proved it, over and over again, by sponsoring legislation to aid his economically depressed constituents.

He was a humble man who was dedicated to the House and therefore dedicated to earnestly representing his constituents in and out of committee. He made it very clear that the House of Representatives was his calling in life, it was his career. His primary desire was to play an influential role in congressional affairs. The people of New York's Sixth District have lost a dedicated Representative. The House of Representatives has lost a respected colleague who will be sadly missed by all. He was a true friend who had left his mark on all those whose lives he touched.

Thank you.

Mr. MONTGOMERY. Mr. Speaker, I want to join with my colleagues in paying tribute to one of the most popular members in this Chamber, Representative JOE ADDABBO.

He set a very fine example of leadership in the House of Representatives for 26 years. He will be greatly missed.

JOE handled a very tough assignment in chairing the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense. He did that job very effectively and earned the respect of Members on both sides of the aisles.

I also enjoyed the Congressional Prayer Breakfast with JOE. We talked about his health but he never complained about it. He fought hard against his illness, just as he fought for his beliefs and principles here in the House.

I am proud to have had a chance to serve with JOE ADDABBO. He worked hard for his constituents in New York and for the people of this country as chairman of the Defense Subcommittee. His leadership and expertise will be missed.

Mr. BEVILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend and colleague, JOE ADDABBO, whose leadership we will all miss.

JOE was a wonderful person. He was always pleasant and always seemed happy. He never let problems get him down. JOE also was one of the most respected Members of Congress—respected on both sides of the aisle.

As chairman of the House Appropriations Defense Subcommittee, JOE was the author of the biggest appropriations bill in the world. He was strong on defense, but he would not stand for wasteful military spending. He wanted to make sure that our hard-earned tax dollars were properly spent, at the same time ensuring that this Nation was properly protected.

JOE served 26 years in the House of Representatives with unflagging dedication to his New York constituents and to the Nation as a whole. He was a man of integrity. He stood up for what he believed in and worked hard to achieve those goals.

His talents will be missed. But, more than that, JOE will be personally missed by his many friends. I am proud to have known him, to have worked with him, to have called him a friend. We won't forget JOE ADDABBO.

Mr. YATRON. Mr. Speaker, I would like to join my colleagues in expressing my deep sympathy on the passing of our distinguished colleague, Congressman JOSEPH P. ADDABBO. I know we all feel a great sense of personal loss now and, truly, one of our most respected Members and friends has left our Chamber.

JOE served in the House of Representatives for a quarter of a century and during that time he dedicated much of his time and work to defense policy issues. His thorough knowledge and understanding of the Pentagon and military spending earned him the respect of his colleagues and, in 1979, the chairmanship of the Defense Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee.

JOE was very dedicated to his constituents and was reelected time and again by wide margins. He was a kind and caring man, whose compassion and concern for others knew no bounds. Personally, I know we will remember JOE with great fondness. He was one of the most friendly and likeable Members and he had a tremendous affection for all of us.

JOE leaves a magnificent record of many lasting and important achievements in the House of Representatives. JOE will be deeply missed and forever remembered as an outstanding Congressman and American.

Mr. NOWAK. Mr. Speaker, it is with sadness that I join my colleagues in a tribute to a great leader and good friend, JOE ADDABBO, who passed away earlier this month after a long struggle against cancer.

JOE ADDABBO's 26-year tenure in the House of Representatives spanned six administrations, a wide range of complex issues, and an ever-changing national arena. Yet, JOE never lost sight of the well-being of his constituency, working tirelessly for adequate housing and heat for the poor, steering economic aid to depressed areas, improving education for our youth, and providing various incentives and assistance for small businesses. JOE's substantial election victories over the years clearly illustrates this remarkable ability to address the needs of those who he had been chosen to serve.

JOE ADDABBO will also be remembered for his great influence in shaping our national defense policy as Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense. By mastering the intricacies of defense issues, JOE became one the House's most credible and rational critics of Pentagon spending, consistently opposing inefficient and wastful use of defense funds. Although JOE's many appropriations battles were often uphill and marked by heated debate, some even lost in his own subcommittee, he earned respect and admiration from both sides of the aisle.

JOE ADDABBO was a man of strong conviction, dedicated to his career as a public servant, accommodating, understanding and humble in his approach. Over the last several years fighting against the odds with cancer, he never allowed his personal health problems to interfere with his job. JOE's leadership and vast knowledge will be sorely missed by his colleagues. However, his record as a Member of the House remains as a fine example for those who succeed him and an inspiration for all Americans.

Mr. FUQUA. Mr. Speaker, a man of strong convictions—that's how I will remember my dear, departed colleague JOE ADDABBO.

The U.S. Congress always could count on this honorable gentleman to be one of the most articulate reviewers of Pentagon spending. As chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, he would not hesitate to turn crimson and raise his voice in support of a strong yet lean defense. ADDABBO consistently managed to cut billions off the defense budget and even those who disagreed with him respected his knowledgeable viewpoint.

Mr. ADDABBO dignified New York with his devotion for 26 years, even through his 6-year battle with cancer. This loyal New Yorker was born and educated in New York, lived his entire life within a 10-block area of the Big Apple, commuted weekly to his office in the District of Columbia and did everything in his power to promote the city he adored to his Capitol Hill friends and colleagues.

I fondly recall weekends in New York when his son Joey and my son John would play together, while Mr. ADDABBO played "Mr. Hospitality" with us. In fact, the influential legislator instigated the now-famous congressional weekend in New York, which my wife Nancy and I enjoyed.

JOE's death certainly will leave a gap in the established weekend event and in the lives of everyone he touched. My condolences to Grace, Dominic, Dina and Joey; the State of New York; and Congress; for the loss of this devoted man.

Mr. ROE. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness in my heart that I rise today to join in this remembrance of our colleague JOE ADDABBO, who passed away last week.

I indeed felt a great personal loss as JOE and I had established a close personal and professional relationship during the many years we served together in this body. As representatives from neighboring New York and New Jersey, JOE and I spent many hours together working on issues affecting our metropolitan area.

Despite the national attention that JOE received as the leading spokesman in Congress against excessive military spending, he never forgot for 1 minute that his major role in Congress was to represent the interests of the people of the Sixth Congressional District of New York. And represent them he certainly did.

During his 25 years in the House, JOE truly became a "peoples" representative, devoting himself untiringly to his constituents' needs, worries and causes.

JOE ADDABBO loved this country and its people. He was a true patriot who wanted the best for America and would not settle for anything less. He was strongly offended by what he believed to be the wasteful spending of taxpayers' funds in our military procurement system.

JOE was an outspoken supporter of a strong military for America, but he insisted that every dollar spent on that program be accounted for to insure that the taxpayer was getting the most bang for his buck.

Among those of us who were privileged to personally know JOE, he will most be remembered for his kind manner and joyful sense of humor. We will remember him as a man of unparalleled integrity with the highest moral principles and values. His good cheer and bright mind will be sorely missed as we here who follow him attempt to solve our Nation's weighty problems in the years ahead.

I am sure that I speak for all of us, as I extend my most heartfelt sympathies to JOE's wife Grace and his children Dominic, Diana, and Joseph at this time of their sorrow.

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep sadness that we note the death of our colleague, JOSEPH ADDABBO, of New York's Sixth Congressional District. As chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, he left his mark on this body and on our Nation's history. Although he was a strong supporter of national defense, he sponsored the first successful anti-Vietnam war resolution which cutoff funds for the bombing of Cambodia. In 1982, Congressman ADDABBO was able to secure a 245-to-176 vote for his amendment to block MX missile production. This was perhaps his most dramatic victory as chairman of the subcommittee and as well as a victory for his ongoing battle against what he saw as wasteful weapons systems.

Today we are all familiar with the ongoing battle against Department of Defense waste. Even as we try to control contract costs, revolving door employment practices between the Department of Defense and defense contractors and multitudinous wasteful practices, we must recognize that we are following in the path which Congressman ADDABBO opened. His pragmatic career of controlling waste while arguing for a lean and efficient national defense earned him the respect of those he fought as well as those who agreed with him. Perhaps a final tribute to him was the support that he gained from peace activists in New York who saw him as a bulwark against a bloated defense budget which would lead to foreign military adventures.

When the seriousness of Congressman ADDABBO's final illness became clear, it was hard to believe that this cheerful and good-humored man had long been laboring under the strain of a severe and finally fatal illness. We will miss his leadership on the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee and his presence among us.

Mr. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join in paying tribute to the memory of the Honorable JOSEPH P. AD-

DABBO, who died on April 12 at the age of 61. Representative ADDABBO devoted the last 25 years of his life not only to his constituents in Ozone Park but also to the citizens of the Nation.

As chairman of the Defense Subcommittee on the House Appropriations Committee, Representative ADDABBO worked for a strong and efficient defense policy. A leader of opposition against wasteful arms projects, he did not hesitate to speak out against Pentagon officials. He held a significant role in limiting the spending for such projects as the MX and Pershing missiles. As President Reagan said, Representative ADDABBO was "one of leading players in the development of the American military policy."

The Governor of New York, Mario Cuomo, once called Representative ADDABBO a "great man whose commitment to integrity and excellence has improved the quality of life for all New Yorkers." He sponsored legislation to help poor families pay for household heat, assisted small businesses, and directed funds to economically depressed areas. He was in favor of civil rights and Federal aid to education and the elderly. He voted against legislation to limit rights to abortion and allow prayer in public schools. His role in defense also aided the interests of his constituents. He increased Long Island's aircraft industry and added thousands of jobs to the metropolitan area.

Representative ADDABBO played a crucial role in advancing an anti-Vietnam war measure that passed the House. This amendment put a halt to appropriations for the bombing of Cambodia.

Representative ADDABBO did not seek to run for other elected offices. Instead, he devoted himself to Congress, his "career", as he once said. He was respected by Democrats and Republicans alike. He was a warm and compassionate leader who acted fairly.

Representative ADDABBO was born and raised in New York. He went through public schools and then attended City College. After graduating from St. John's University School of Law, he began a law practice in Ozone Park where he remained until he was elected.

Representative ADDABBO will be sadly missed.

Mr. BOLAND. Mr. Speaker, JOE did not seek publicity or personal attention, so I think he would have been a little uncomfortable with the fact that this time has been set aside to reflect on his life and his service in this House. But, as anyone who knew him is aware, the way in which he lived his life, and

the manner in which he served in this body, were of such a character as to demand that special note be taken of his passing.

I had the privilege of serving with JOE on the Appropriations Committee. While he was perhaps best known in the House for his work as chairman of the Defense Subcommittee, within the full committee his was a highly respected voice on a wide range of issues, from the Vietnam war, to the plight of the poor and disadvantaged, to the needs of Federal workers. As was the case on the House floor, when JOE spoke in the Appropriations Committee, people listened. He was credible because the Members knew that JOE had done his homework, and that he knew what he was talking about. Although he never tried to conceal his political philosophy, admiration for the way that JOE practiced his craft as a legislator transcended the bounds of ideology or party affiliation. He had the ability to influence precisely because people trusted his judgment, and had confidence in the means he chose to translate that judgment into action.

JOE's skill as a legislator was prominently displayed in the last years of his life because of the role he played in battles over the defense budget. Make no mistake about it. JOE ADDABBO was for a strong defense. He just didn't believe our defense effort had to be gold plated to be effective. He was not afraid to challenge generals, admirals, or Presidents on the worth of particular weapons systems, and he never hesitated to call the attention of Congress to defense spending requests that he considered to be excessive. As competition for budget dollars became more intense, his dogged insistence that defense programs be subject to the same level of scrutiny being given to other programs forced officials at the Pentagon to take a second look at many of their budget requests, and thereby saved billions of dollars for American taxapayers.

But JOE will be remembered by his colleagues in the House for more than his legislative abilities. In an institution of working relationships, he made friends, and the size of the delegation to his funeral mass was a testament to the affection with which he was regarded in this body. We shared that sentiment with the people of his district, who took time off from their jobs to fill St. Patrick's Cathedral in his honor last week, and who knew him to be a man of courage and decency who never stopped being their neighbor.

And my, how JOE loved New York! The city had no better ambassador of good will in the Congress, and anyone who saw New York with JOE as their guide could never be satisfied with

anyone else. The Big Apple always had a special gloss in JOE's eyes, and he leaves in the House a cadre of honorary New Yorkers who can testify to his ability to instill in others his feelings for his hometown.

Mr. Speaker, the people of the United States were fortunate that JOE ADDABBO chose to devote a quarter of a century to serving them in these halls. Those of us who served with him know how deeply his wisdom and counsel will be missed in the days ahead. We know too, however, that the contributions he made to his country, and the example he set for his colleagues in the House, will never be forgotten. I hope that certainty will offer some comfort at this difficult time for JOE's wife, Grace, and their children, Dina, Joseph, and Dominic.

Mr. SCHEUER. Mr. Speaker, I join my colleagues in paying tribute to my friend and illustrious colleague—the late JOSEPH P. ADDABBO.

JOE ADDABBO's presence in this House was an example for all of us—from the most senior committee chairman to the newest freshman to follow.

JOE's wit, his jovial sense of humor, and his relentless quest to do what was right put JOE ADDABBO in a class all by himself.

JOE ADDABBO probably was best known for his work as chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. In that role, JOE was a voice of sanity in this era of extravagant and often unnecessary defense spending.

JOE ADDABBO had enormous clout in the whole military spending process. He was a staunch supporter of a strong national defense, but he felt strongly that our military stature should be lean and mean—with the emphasis on lean.

JOE viewed the Pentagon as just one more Federal bureaucracy—the only difference was that the bureaucrats at the Pentagon wore stars and bars. He refused to take the funding requests from the Pentagon at face value—preferring to put the military budget under close scrutiny to ferret out waste, duplication, and unnecessary fat. JOE often found himself at odds with many of the Defense Subcommittee members—but I assure you that every one of them had great respect for the man.

JOE ADDABBO's legislative role actually extended far beyond the defense arena.

Over the years, JOE was a major factor in passage of important legislation to help the poor, assist small business, and steer funds to economically depressed areas.

JOE ADDABBO never forgot his constituents, insuring that the needs of the Sixth District were met and taking the time to solve the individual problems that plagued his Queens neighbors.

As senior member of the Queens delegation and a senior Member of the House, JOE ADDABBO worked hard to make sure New York received its fair share of Federal funds.

With the unfortunate death of JOE ADDABBO, I now find myself in the position of senior Member of the Queens delegation. Although it will be very hard to fill the shoes left by JOE ADDABBO, I hope to carry on in the spirit of JOE—with an eye toward unity and compassion.

JOE ADDABBO's presence in this House will be missed greatly. But those of us who knew him well will try to carry on his work—secure in the knowledge that his legacy will live on.

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, with the passing of JOE ADDABBO the Nation has lost an untiring and highly principled public servant, the Congress a dependable, personable Member, and each of us a dear and loyal friend. JOE ADDABBO gave full meaning to the term "trusted colleague." When JOE told you he was going to do something, you considered it done. When JOE cast his vote you knew he did it after full consideration of the issue, you knew he did it on the basis of principle not partisanship.

JOE's long battle with cancer proved to be a telling reflection of the way he lived. His six year fight with this dreaded disease was one he carried on courageously and confidentially. He didn't want anyone's sympathy, he didn't want anyone making any excuses for him.

Though JOE and I sat on different sides of the aisle, I never sensed our differing political philosophies to be an issue. As the chairman of the Defense Subcommittee on which I serve, he always carried out his responsibilities with a sense of fairness and openness. Though we often differed on issues, JOE never let his work get in the way of his friendships.

The Congress will be a lesser body without him. To his wife, Grace and his children, my wife, Helen, joins me in extending our deepest sympathy. The Congress has lost a true gentleman and a scholar, a fighter who fought the good fight, a man who by his lifestyle epitomized all that is right with our society.

Mr. RUSSO. Mr. Speaker, it is with a sad heart that I join my colleagues today to pay a final tribute to an outstanding Congressman and beloved person. Congressman JOE ADDABBO

will be greatly missed, by his countless friends here, and by this country.

In his years of work with the Congress, JOE won the respect of his colleagues regardless of opposing views on an issue. He was diligent, conscientious, and you knew where he stood. I particularly remember how nice he was to me my first year here, going out of his way to help a newcomer. It's the kind of thing no senior Member is required to do, but JOE was that kind of person—helpful and one who took the time not only to do what needed to be done, but to do a little extra as well.

Certainly in his legislative work here he went well beyond what was merely required. I credit him for bringing some sanity to a complicated and inflammatory area like defense policy and spending, and I think we'll all remember JOE during the floor debates on this subject. We are indeed going to miss him, and his constituents have lost a fine representative.

I join with others here today in commending the work and life of Congressman JOE ADDABBO, a man who in the end demonstrated so much grit and courage to us all, and in offering my prayers and sympathy to his family. I hope it is a comfort to them to remember the lasting mark that JOE has made on this Congress and the Republic, and to know that he will not be forgotten by any who were privileged to know him and call him friend.

Mr. MCGRATH. Mr. Speaker, on Thursday, April 10 of this year, the residents of the State of New York and the entire Nation suffered a great loss with the death of Congressman JOSEPH P. ADDABBO. JOE served in this Chamber for 26 years and constantly helped to improve the fiber of this country.

In my years as a Member of this body, and as a lifelong resident of a community bordering his congressional district, I have been proud to call JOE a friend and a colleague. JOE was respected throughout the Metropolitan New York area for his strong leadership on defense issues and countless other serious matters affecting our region and the Nation as a whole. Congressman ADDABBO never lost sight of his responsibilities to his constituents and his constituent achievements earned him the right to serve in this Chamber for 26 years.

The residents of the southwest part of Queens have been fortunate to call JOE ADDABBO their Representative. His tireless support for community development in the Jamaica business district, his efforts on behalf of St. John's Law School, and countless other activities have made JOE's name a household word in his district and in surrounding communities.

Congressman ADDABBO was at his best when acting as chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. He served through the Vietnam crisis and fought against waste in defense contracts. Even though Congressman ADDABBO was not afraid to disagree with a colleague, he always handled himself as a professional and a gentleman.

Last month legislation was passed to name a Federal building in Jamaica, NY in JOE's honor. This great tribute is more than deserving for a man who worked for over two decades to help improve the district in which the building will stand. The building will serve as a constant reminder to the community he has served with honor and distinction.

JOE ADDABBO will live on with us forever in spirit and his example should serve as an inspiration to us all.

Mr. YATES. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened by the death of JOE ADDABBO. We served together on the Appropriations Committee for 22 years. JOE and I were good friends. He was wise, diligent, and witty and I admired him greatly.

JOE understood the issues involved in national defense. He knew the budgets, the programs, and the military mind and he was so right when he told us, as he did many times, that lavish budgets for exotic weapons do not make the Nation stronger or safer. JOE's understanding of national security included an educated and healthy population with a balanced and varied economy. He worked, voted, and spoke to achieve that end, and we are in his debt.

We are now in a period when the Nation is beginning to understand what JOE has been saying for years, and it is a real tragedy that he has left us at this time. I know that I will miss him greatly. We need his wisdom and guidance.

His contributions are real and lasting. He made the United States a stronger, better nation, and I am proud to have known him. I extend my most sincere sympathy to his wife and family.

Mr. MYERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise tonight to say thank you to the Addabbo family, Grace and their children, for sharing JOE with us those many years. I also thank the people of the Sixth District of New York for sending him to Congress that the people of the rest of the country could share in his service to our country.

Very early in my service on the Appropriations Committee I found that JOE was a person that was willing to take time to help others. His district was much different from mine: he, from a large city, more liberal in their political and economic

views; mine, rural and more conservative. Yet we became good friends. He was always understanding when someone had to take a different position.

My wife and I became better friends after we had gone with him and Grace on congressional investigating trips for the Appropriations Committee. I did not serve on his subcommittee, but he asked us to join his subcommittee on several occasions. We were hard on those trips, but here again, he was always very kind and generous to include us in all the activities of his subcommittee.

There are so many nice things that could be said about the service of JOE ADDABBO. He was a good public servant, represented his people well, and a nice guy always.

Mr. LAFALCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a man who would probably have been embarrassed if he knew that colleagues were paying special attention to his passing. JOE ADDABBO was that kind of man: genuinely humble and self-effacing, while hugely competent and capable in his work within the House of Representatives over the past quarter century.

JOE ADDABBO came to Congress from his beloved Queens in the usual way. He was an eminently convivial man who practiced law after graduating from St. John's. He joined local organizations like the PTA, civic groups, Sons of Italy, and the local Democratic club. As time went on, he helped out behind the scenes with congressional campaigns. And when the Republican incumbent retired in 1960, JOE ran and won by 10,000 votes.

Politics came naturally to JOE, because he loved people. He was a model to all new Congressmen about how one represents a district. One of his opponents is said to have remarked in disbelief, "He attends every wedding, bar mitzvah, and wake in the district." JOE did this, of course, because people and their hopes and dreams were important to him.

JOE ADDABBO came to Congress with that attitude and served all his days, without changing a scintilla of his generous perspective. He was a successful legislator because he paid attention to his constituents. And his constituents respected JOE's judgment when it differed from theirs. I think we would all agree that JOE always followed his conscience, no matter the political cost.

JOE was a successful legislator who could pry loose money for an important mass transit project back home, change his mind about the wisdom of the Vietnam War after supporting it, and foster an amendment to cut off funds for it. And, as

chairman of the powerful Defense Subcommittee, he was the scourge of the military as a foe of the B–1 bomber. But he also argued for a strong defense, properly understood.

JOE ADDABBO was, above all, a man with a burning desire to do the right thing: To be reasonable, to understand, to be compassionate, and, where possible, to accommodate. He was loved by his constitutents and his colleagues, and therefore he will be missed.

Mr. ANNUNZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to join with my colleagues in the House of Representatives in paying tribute to Congressman JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, whose untimely death on April 10 was a tremendous loss to his constituents from the Sixth Congressional District of New York and to all the people of this Nation.

JOE was my close and trusted friend during the period we served in Congress together, and I am proud to have had the honor to work with him. I shall always cherish the wise counsel, advice, and good will that he so often generously extended to me.

Congressman ADDABBO was elected to the 87th Congress, and for 25 years as a Member of the House of Representatives dedicated his life to the service of his constituents. He compiled an oustanding record of achievement as chairman of the Subcommittee on Defense of the House Appropriations Committee and as a member of the House Small Business Committee.

As chairman of the Subcommittee on Defense, he was a guiding force in Congress for a strong, efficient defense policy, while at the same time eliminating wasteful and excessive military spending. He courageously took an early stand against the Vietnam War, sponsoring the first antiwar resolution to pass the House of Representatives in 1973, which cut off funding for the bombing of Cambodia.

Congressman ADDABBO, as one of the most respected Members of the House of Representatives, was even-handed and well-liked by his colleagues, and was one of the most knowledgeable and effective legislators in Congress. His dedication to the highest standards of excellence was an inspiration to his friends and fellow citizens, and he will long be remembered by those of us who had the privilege to serve with him in the Congress of the United States.

Mrs. Annunzio and I extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Grace; his children, Dominic, Dina, and Joseph; and to the other members of his family.

Mr. YOUNG of Florida. Mr. Speaker, although JOE and I didn't agree on every issue, I held the utmost respect for this great American, who despite suffering from cancer, continued to valiantly serve the American people and his constituents from New York. It was a privilege to have served under his chairmanship as a member of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense. He was a fair and honorable chairman who rightfully took great pride in his long hours of preparation and work to fulfill his responsibilities in overseeing our national defense programs.

We shall miss JOE ADDABBO'S leadership in this House as well as the dedicated spirit with which he served here for more than a quarter of a century. I shall also miss JOE'S friendship. He will always symbolize for me what is so great about our Nation and our democratic Government. Despite differences of viewpoints—whether they be Democrat or Republican, liberal or conservative—we are first and above all else Americans who represent the American people to the best of our abilities. Few have served in the U.S. Congress with greater distinction than JOE ADDABBO.

I share the sorrow of JOE'S wife Grace and their three children, because with JOE'S passing we have lost a great American statesman. He served our country with honor until his final hours, and for that we shall be forever grateful.

Mr. HUGHES. Mr. Speaker, it is with a deep sense of sadness and loss that I join my colleagues in paying final tribute to our respected colleague, JOE ADDABBO.

All of us who had the opportunity to work with JOE will always remember it as a true learning experience in effective management of our Nation's resources. As one of the prime forces in the shaping of military policy over the last two decades, he represented his district, and his country, with the highest degree of competence and legislative ability.

JOE impressed his colleagues not only with his tenacious management of our Nation's defense resources, but also with his compassion for those in need of help, opportunity, or protection. He believed deeply in the Government's obligation to assist the disadvantaged, and throughout his years in the House of Representatives, he remained dedicated to the expansion of human dignity and equal opportunity. JOE ADDABBO truly cared about people as individuals, and in caring about them, he took the trouble to understand them, to know their problems, and to do everything he could to help them.

All of us who knew JOE will deeply miss his leadership, courage, and commitment. I am proud to have had the opportunity to serve with him, and wish to extend my sincere condolences to his family.

Mr. ST GERMAIN. The congressional paths of Congressman JOE ADDABBO and Fred St Germain often crossed. Our congressional careers began together on January 3, 1961, when JOE and I raised our right hands to take our oaths of office for the first time. We were the only Members of the present Congress who shared this date as the beginning of our congressional service.

Our legislative endeavors were guided by the same philosophies and convictions. We shared strong feelings that Government retain a people perspective and only in rare cases would we cast our vote on opposing sides of any issue.

The residents of New York's Sixth Congressional District will miss his genuine concern for their well being. His colleagues in the Congress will miss his warm smile and friendly manner, but you can be certain JOE ADDABBO has left his mark on the Congress and the Nation. His life journey has concluded but the goals he set for our Nation remain. Congressman JOE ADDABBO simply wanted the United States to be a great place to live. Because of people like JOE ADDABBO, it is.

Mr. HILLIS. Mr. Speaker, the House lost an outstanding an compassionate Member two weeks ago when JOE ADDABBO passed away after a long and courageous bout with cancer.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I always respected JOE ADDABBO's tenacity in probing the Pentagon's spending plans. JOE ADDABBO was committed to a strong military and he dedicated his career in the House of Representatives to the identification and elimination of waste and extravagance.

While many of us on the Armed Services Committee often disagreed with JOE on specific issues, all of us respected his skill in exposing needless spending that would have done nothing to serve our national defense.

JOE ADDABBO will be remembered as a gentleman and a sincere public servant who defeated his fatal illness by refusing to let it rule his life.

Admired in life and in death, we will all miss JOE ADDABBO.

Mr. STOKES. Mr. Speaker, those of us who worked with JOE ADDABBO through the years will sorely miss his leadership, his thoughtful, intelligent approach and style, his congenial nature

and his tireless dedication to serving the public to the best of his ability.

Mr. Speaker, I had the good fortune to work with JOE on the Appropriations Committee, and had the opportunity to observe his exceptional leadership as chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense. While he supported a strong defense, JOE led the fight to prevent the Department of Defense from squandering the taxpayers dollars. Through his skillful leadership, he provided Members with the opportunity to implement a strong national defense while at the same time rejecting wasteful spending.

Mr. Speaker, JOE ADDABBO was also extremely supportive of the efforts of the Congressional Black Caucus to provide encouragement and financial assistance to minority businesses through the Fair Share Federal Procurement Contract Program. His appearance at a press conference held by the Congressional Black Caucus in support of that program was demonstrative of his commitment to the development of minority business.

However, Mr. Speaker, my most fond memories of JOE ADDABBO come from our personal friendship. He was a congenial man, a friendly person, an individual who had the ability to put people at ease. He always had something nice to say about everyone and was admired and respected by virtually everyone who met him. Like many other Members, I was the recipient of JOE's warm hospitality during a "weekend in New York" sponsored by the New York State congressional delegation. I was impressed by his organizational skills and ability to make everyone feel welcome.

Mr. Speaker, I also had the opportunity to travel with JOE and his lovely wife, Grace, overseas with a congressional contingent. While we worked hard, we had a very enjoyable time and I observed firsthand the deep love and devotion shared by JOE and Grace ADDABBO. They were a great couple, and all I have are fond memories of the time spent with them.

Mr. Speaker, JOE ADDABBO was truly a pillar of the House of Representatives. His dedicated service as chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense may be imitated, but will never be duplicated. JOE's careful, intelligent approach to the defense question, an issue that in recent years has become highly emotional and often irrational, has forced the House of Representatives to take a closer look at the issue of defense spending and to consider future ramifications of unrestrained spending. That "closer look" will definitely save money—and may quite possibly save lives.

Mr. Speaker, I send my heartfelt condolences on the passing of my good friend and colleague JOE ADDABBO to his wife, Grace, and his family, to the people of the Sixth Congressional District of New York and the members of the New York congressional delegation.

Mr. MINETA. Mr. Speaker, we have lost an important ally and a cherished friend in the House of Representatives, our distinguished colleague, JOSEPH ADDABBO. We missed him during the months of his hospitalization. We were acutely aware of his absence, as the House considered complex and ever-controversial defense bills. We needed his leadership and guidance on many tough and intricate questions and we hoped for his return. Now we feel a profound sense of loss knowing that he will not be back to fight future battles with us.

JOE ADDABBO has done much for his Nation, his district, and his colleagues. How many of us, when we leave these Halls, will be able to look upon a list of accomplishments as worthy and solid as those of JOE ADDABBO's? How many of us could command our colleagues' love and respect, as JOE did? How many of us are assured of the good will and friendship of those that disagree with us on policy questions. JOE had all those things.

He carved his place in this House by understanding all the subtleties of the complex issues of defense policy. Few could match his expertise. He used his knowledge to define national security goals and to help shape and advocate a sound defense policy. He above all knew how to separate wasteful defense spending from the defense necessary for national security. He then effectively lobbied for his position using the full force of his personality—the force of his integrity, the force of his leadership, and his formidable skills of persuasion. And when the battle was over, no matter how heated, he would still be liked and respected by his most ardent opponents. That was the kind of man JOE ADDABBO was. That is the JOE that we will sorely miss.

The loss of his guidance and leadership will be felt not only during this year's difficult defense and budget debates, but in all years. We will always be guided by the principles JOE set forth and we will always miss him.

Thank you.

Mr. DICKS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of sadness that I join in this tribute to our departed colleague, JOE ADDABBO. We all miss him dearly.

It has been an honor and privilege to have JOE as my chairman on the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee for over seven years. He always conducted the subcommittee in a fair and equitable manner which was respected and appreciated by the Members on both sides of the aisle.

Chairman ADDABBO took very seriously the responsibility to insure that we not only approved the resources needed to provide for the common defense, but that we did not waste money in the process. He was tireless in the detailed review of obscure audit reports to find any instance of unneeded expenditure. I remember many occasions when he had to direct program managers to read the Pentagon's own audits of their programs so that they could do their jobs more efficiently.

Each year, under his able direction, the subcommittee would recommend reductions in literally hundreds of items. And just as the old saying goes, a million here and a million there and pretty soon it was real money. Some people have criticized the Congress for micro-managing, and some of that criticism is deserved. But the kind of scrutiny that JOE ADDABBO applied to the defense budget was just the kind of oversight that is the duty of the Appropriations Committee. A true measure of his effectiveness is the very large portion of the committee's recommended cuts that the Pentagon would eventually concede were fully warranted.

On many occasions, it was my pleasure to work with Chairman ADDABBO on the issues of national defense before the Congress. On occasion we disagreed. Let me tell you, I would much rather have him on my side because he was an aggressive and forceful advocate for his point of view, which he held with very deep and sincere conviction. His courage in facing his illness without complaint and without shirking his duty is an inspiration to all of us.

But my sadness with JOE ADDABBO's passing is tempered by the joy of the memories he has left with me and with this body. His sense of humor, his fondness for wisecracks, his occasional Italian temper, were all uniquely JOE's. They were a part of a personality that lifted our hearts and reminded us of the special opportunity we have to serve in the House of Representatives.

WEDNESDAY, *April 23, 1986.*

Mr. AUCOIN. Mr. Speaker, as I gathered my thoughts tonight getting ready for this special honor for our friend JOE

ADDABBO, there was so much called to mind. JOE was an honorable man who loved and served his country well, a true friend, a delightful colleague, and one of the hardest working and most respected Members of Congress. He is sorely missed.

For his quick wit and generous laughter, most certainly. For his insight, knowledge, and tenacity in fighting for what he believed was right, of course. Few will forget his leadership during the critical decision points of the Vietnam war. But mostly, and I believe I speak for many people on both sides of the partisan aisle that so often divides us—mostly for his manner of doing the business of this august body. With his heart, his facts and figures fully marshalled for a good fight, and a true love for the work.

Proof of his outstanding character came from what some would think an unlikely quarter just the other day—but you'd only think it unlikely if you didn't know JOE. And that was from his frequent adversary, Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger.

Before he started his testimony, Secretary Weinberger called attention to something all of us in the committee room felt deeply. JOE's absence. It just didn't feel right without Chairman ADDABBO being there to conduct a ritual sparring match rich in humor but also bottom line fundamental debates about which direction our country should be going.

Secretary Weinberger paid tribute to JOE, acknowledging his great knowledge on defense issues, and the way he went about jousting in such a friendly way that it was always fun to appear before him. He couldn't let the moment slip by without sharing publicly the great admiration he had for a very special chairman. For any of you who have seen JOE at work giving the Secretary the third degree, that says it all.

When JOE first asked me to join the Defense Subcommittee, I was given one of the greatest opportunities of my career. And that was to get to know JOE. To serve on his committee. To learn from him. And my respect for the kind of man JOE was because of having been on his committee is probably without parallel.

It's a testament to his gifted sensitivity to others and to his political skills and rare judgment that he worked so well for so long with the ranking minority members of the committee he chaired. He created a very unusual partnership in getting a tough job done year after year. Where others would have used the power of the chairmanship above all else, JOE used the powers of reason, persuasion, and fairness to push ahead.

JOE and I were often in the minority on the committee in voting against a particular weapons system. But it didn't stop or deter JOE. He just went right back at it, often succeeding. Without hostility, bitterness, or vindictiveness to those who did not stand with him.

He worked unflaggingly on minutae that many of us would have thrown our hands in the air over. And if you've seen the thousands of line items of budget notes he presided over in conference after conference, you know what I'm talking about.

His mission was to guarantee a top-flight defense for this country, but not to waste a single nickel. And his contribution to this end is truly significant.

What we didn't know was that for many of the last several years JOE was fighting a horrible and painful disease. Never a word. Never a complaint. Never a failure to do what had to be done regardless of enormous physical pain. Who among us would have guessed what he was going through?

Even after a long absence away from this Chamber last fall to fight that disease, JOE came back in December with his spirit intact to preside over a contentious conference on the defense portion of the continuing resolution. And we all gave a great sigh of relief to have him back pounding his fist on the table and cracking jokes to set us straight.

His great courage and dedication throughout his battle makes me think of the words of John F. Kennedy in "Profiles in Courage": "For without belittling the courage with which men have died, we should not forget those acts of courage with which men . . . have lived. The courage of life is often a less dramatic spectacle than the courage of a final moment; but it is no less a magnificent mixture of triumph and tragedy. A man does what he must—in spite of personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures—and that is the basis of all human morality."

I think this describes the profound humanity of JOE ADDABBO. And there's little more I could add to relate what kind of an individual, and a public servant, JOE ADDABBO was.

The State of New York has lost an able and gifted Congressman, the country has lost one of its true leaders, and we have lost a great man and dear friend whom all admired. To his wife Grace, and to his children, my deepest sympathies and sincere hopes that their grief will be somewhat diminished by the pride and joy of having been the greatest love of such an exceptional statesman.

Mr. CARR. Mr. Speaker, JOE ADDABBO was my friend. As a young Congressman he gave me guidance. He helped me understand the greatness of this legislative body. He explained its strong points, he told me of its failings. With his help, I became a better Member of Congress.

I will miss his wise counsel. I will miss his friendship. The House will miss his leadership. The Nation will miss a great Congressman.

Mr. DE LA GARZA. Mr. Speaker, the passing of an esteemed friend and colleague is the occasion for which I rise to speak today, and it is with personal sadness that I pay final tribute to the memory of a man who for more than a quarter of a century was one of the most influential statesmen of our time—JOSEPH ADDABBO.

A presence on our national stage, JOSEPH ADDABBO was one of the leading players in the development of American military policy—a man widely respected for his knowledge of defense issues—a man whose genial style was in keeping with the best traditions of American politics.

His was a consuming conviction that vexing problems could be solved, and expansive goals could be achieved through planning and activism. His occupancy of office was never merely visionary for JOSEPH ADDABBO was a man who constantly sought to translate vision into concrete realities.

Throughout his long and illustrious career spent in service to the people of New York and the Nation, JOSEPH ADDABBO exemplified the virtues of dedication and concern leaving his mark and vision in our Nation's defense programs. We will remember him—for his belief in the worth and dignity of the individual; for his conviction that the United States has a moral mission in the world; for his leadership in international affairs; for his commitment to a strong yet efficient and effective defense posture to insure continued U.S. freedom and influence.

I will sincerely miss JOSEPH ADDABBO just as I know all of my colleagues who worked with him will. To his wife and family I extend my heartfelt sympathy during this time of great sorrow.

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow that I address the House today to pay tribute to a dedicated and respected Member of this body and a good friend, JOE ADDABBO.

As chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, he attained a reputation as a critic of wasteful military spending and was often at odds with his own committee, nonetheless, he maintained his integrity and fought for what he thought was best for the Pentagon and for the country.

As chairman of the Small Business Committee, on which JOE served with vigor, I came to know him as a man committed to helping small and minority businesses gain a foothold in the economic structure of this society. JOE, with his low-keyed but tenacious manner was effective in amassing support for unpopular but necessary loan programs and set-asides for minority contractors doing business with the Federal Government.

At a time when it was popular to look the other way, JOE ADDABBO spoke out on discrimination in public schools, in the workplace, and at the voting booth. He opposed apartheid in South Africa and cosponsored legislation to impose economic sanctions against that repressive regime. JOE fought for the special needs of the elderly and the handicapped, education enhancement, safeguards for the environment, and in short, improving the way of life for all Americans.

JOE's accomplishments in the House are too numerous to catalog, but suffice it to say, his leadership on the tough issues of the day made him a Member who will be sorely missed by all who really knew him. But most of all, he will be missed because he was a kind and decent human being.

Mr. SMITH of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to our late colleague, JOE ADDABBO. After having bravely fought a courageous battle against disease, Congressman ADDABBO succumbed to cancer last week at the age of 61. He left behind him a quarter-century of public service to the people of New York—and to the citizens of the United States. His leadership and commitment will be sorely missed.

As the chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense since 1979, Congressman ADDABBO presided while the Pentagon received its largest peacetime budget in history. While he supported a strong defense, he was also an enemy of waste and abuse, especially within the Defense bureaucracy. As a result, JOE found himself a leading critic of President Reagan's growing military budget. He is credited, however, with paring $50 billion from the President's budget requests of the past 4 years.

A compassionate and understanding man, Congressman ADDABBO won the respect of all his colleagues and constituents. He was a pillar of the House and an inspiration to those who knew and worked with him. We honor this man's longstanding dedication to public service, his wisdom, his leadership, and in

the end, his great personal courage. We will all be the worse for his loss.

TUESDAY, *April 29, 1986.*

Mr. HOWARD. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sadness that I join my colleagues in paying tribute to JOE ADDABBO.

When JOE ADDABBO passed away, I lost a friend and a colleague whom I deeply admired, Congress lost a Member with unquestionable integrity and dedication and this Nation lost a great American.

JOE ADDABBO worked endlessly on behalf of his Sixth District in New York during his 25 years in the House. But his district was not the only one to benefit from his public service.

To every American who wanted a guarantee that tax dollars were being spent wisely, JOE ADDABBO was the one person we could count on to scrutinize defense spending. To Americans who pursued the dream of owning their own small business, JOE ADDABBO was one Member who played a key role in making that dream become a reality. And to Americans grateful that no more young men died in the jungles of Vietnam, JOE ADDABBO was one person who deserved thanks because he was the first to successfully sponsor an antiwar resolution.

The quality I remember most about JOE ADDABBO is his courage. When he was faced with his painful illness never once did he ask for sympathy. He carried on his duties with dignity and of course, still possessing a big, warm smile.

The void left by JOE's departure will be difficult to fill. However, his legacy will remain with us. We are all richer because JOE ADDABBO touched our lives.

Mr. RODINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a great friend and colleague, a skillful leader and true man of the people, JOE ADDABBO, who passed away on April 10, 1986, at age 61.

JOE was elected in 1960 to represent the people of the Sixth Congressional District of New York and he served them and his Nation well.

On behalf of the people of the Sixth District, in Queens, JOE fought to make Government more responsive and sensitive to the need for good education, decent housing, efficient mass transportation, special care for the elderly, the poor, and the disabled. On behalf of his country, JOE took on President Nixon in order to put an end to the madness of the Vietnam

war by stopping congressional funding for the United States bombing of Cambodia—and JOE won.

As chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, JOE fought for a strong, but efficient and fair defense policy. Ever vigilant to maintain the Nation's security, JOE understood that security is jeopardized by fraud and waste, and he insisted on the aggressive oversight of defense spending and Pentagon weapons proposals. Never fearful of bucking conventional wisdom, JOE raised his voice in opposition to the MX and the B–1 bomber and other weapons he considered ineffective. In 1984, he led the fight to expose Defense Department and military excess: the purchase of equipment under Government contracts allowing inflated prices.

Mr. Speaker, JOE ADDABBO has been considered by his colleagues and the people of his district a voice of sanity, a voice of compassion. That voice is now silent and will be sorely missed for years to come.

I include for the Record the following AP article:

REPRESENTATIVE ADDABBO DEAD; HELD SWAY ON DEFENSE

WASHINGTON—Representative JOSEPH P. ADDABBO (Democrat–New York), praised as Congress' "voice of sanity" for using his powerful Appropriations Committee post to curb defense spending, has died after a long bout with bladder cancer.

ADDABBO, 61, who for years kept his disease secret from even his closest colleagues, died last Thursday at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, officials said yesterday. He had been in a coma since March 12.

"It's an absolute tragedy for the American people because JOE had enormous clout in the whole military appropriations process. He was the voice of sanity in our defense strategy and tactics," said Rep. James Scheuer (Democrat–New York)

House Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill Jr. said ADDABBO "fought many difficult appropriations battles" and "won the respect of Members of Congress from both sides of the aisles."

"He worked diligently to ensure that America's defense was strong, efficient and effective," O'Neill said. "He demanded quality for each defense dollar. In addition, JOE ADDABBO will be remembered as playing a strong part in the effort to end the Vietnam war."

New York Governor Mario Cuomo called ADDABBO "a warm, compassionate and relentlessly committed congressman and leader." Cuomo did not say whether he would call a special election to fill the new vacancy, the only one in the House.

New York City Mayor Edward I. Koch said, "JOE ADDABBO's voice was one of the most forceful, but also one of the most fair, ever heard on the floor of the House."

A jovial Democrat from the 6th Congressional District in Queens, ADDABBO was elected to the House of Representatives in 1960 and became chairman of the Appropriations subcommittee on defense in 1979.

ADDABBO spent four months at Walter Reed in 1985 for what at the time his office said was a kidney ailment. He resumed his congressional duties in Janu-

ary, but on March 6 was stricken at a luncheon. His office announced March 12 he had slipped into a coma and was not expected to live.

WEDNESDAY, *April 30, 1986.*

Mr. HUTTO. Mr. Speaker, JOE ADDABBO will be missed not only by his loved ones and friends but also by the Congress of the United States. JOE was a very effective representative of his people, and his impact was felt well beyond the borders of his New York district.

Although there were many who disagreed with JOE on certain issues, especially defense spending, I do not know of anyone who personally disliked JOE ADDABBO.

I came to know Congressman ADDABBO very early in my first year in Congress. It was with fear and trepidation that I went to see the distinguished chairman of Defense Appropriations about a problem in my district. From the first moment I met JOE, I felt completely at ease. The warmth of his smile and his friendliness helped me emerge from the meeting not only with a commitment to help with my problem but also with a good feeling of having met a true friend.

During the 7½ years I had the privilege of serving with JOE in the House, there were many times when I found it necessary to talk over issues with JOE. I always found him to be understanding, concerned and responsive to my needs. I know that other Members found JOE to be the same way with them in their problems. JOE ADDABBO was a friend to everybody.

The funeral service at St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City, which many of us had the privilege to attend, beautifully expressed the affection that thousands of people had for this man. Yes, JOE was a great American who served his country well. He will be greatly missed.

I add my sincerest sympathies to his family in their loss. May God comfort them in their bereavement.

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues in paying tribute to JOE ADDABBO. JOE was a leader of the House in every sense of the word, and he was a man of great courage. We will truly miss him.

In this institution, with its committee structure, there is enormous pressure on each of us to conform to the accepted attitudes of those who have the greatest interest in our specific committees. As chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee

on Defense, JOE was always under enormous pressure not just to work for a strong defense but to provide the Defense Establishment—both the Pentagon and defense industries—with everything they asked for, which was generally far too much in a time of $200 billion deficits.

JOE resisted that pressure. He fought for a strong defense, but he opposed waste and he opposed excess. He won as often as he lost, and when he won, it was the American people who were the true victors. He was a thoughtful, tenacious battler for his constituents and for the broader public, and he did the same for the House in its disputes with the other body. The House and the entire Nation owes him a debt of gratitude for his work.

Of course, we cannot define JOE only by his role as a Member of Congress. His life, and particularly the latter years of his life, stand for more than just integrity and competence in Government. They stand for human courage, the will to live, and the will to make one's life meaningful to the end. We are all aware now that JOE struggled with cancer for several years. It became obvious only recently. JOE never wanted to be treated differently; he never wanted sympathy. He wanted to continue to be effective and to make a significant contribution. He succeeded in that. And in doing so, he was an example to all of us of human courage and strength. We will never forget his bravery.

I also want to extend my sympathy to JOE ADDABBO's family. I am proud to have known him, and I hope that their grief is eased at least a little bit by the genuine emotions being expressed by his colleagues today.

WEDNESDAY, *May 14, 1986.*

Mr. O'NEILL. Mr. Speaker, JOE ADDABBO was as loved as any person who has ever served in the Congress. My heart still aches from his passing. The tributes paid to him at his funeral service in New York were moving and sincere; yet we all knew it was impossible to adequately express our sorrow, our deep sense of loss.

Phyllis Zagano describes herself as JOE's adopted niece. In a recent article, she describes her special relationship with "Uncle Joe," and in doing so shares with us the warmth and caring he shared with her—and with so many others.

I am pleased to bring Ms. Zagano's article to the attention of my colleagues.

[From the New York City Tribune, Apr. 22, 1986]

Goodbye Uncle Joe

(By Phyllis Zagano)

They buried Joe Addabbo the other day, over at St. John's in Middle Village, the Catholic cemetery where all the Queens Catholics go when it is all over. They had the funeral in the city, though, over at St. Patrick's Cathedral. It seemed awfully fancy for Joe Addabbo, but in a way it wasn't good enough.

They were all there, all those famous people he knew. Three busloads of senators and congressmen. The cardinal. The bishop. The mayor. The governor. Nine priests, three ministers, five altar boys, nine military pall bearers, and a master of ceremonies. But mostly there were the people, so many of the people from South Queens—from South Jamaica and St. Albans, from Springfield Gardens and Rosedale and from South Ozone Park. I think they're still in the district. The lines would change with every election, but since 1960 the heart of the district beat in Joe Addabbo's chest.

I met him first when I was so little I don't remember when it was. He was my uncle's campaign manager, and in 1960 they switched roles. When I met him again, at a ship's commissioning, it was long after my uncle had died. I'm sure there were 200 people at that reception, but once he knew I was my uncle's niece, he demanded I meet every person there. They heard, as did I, of his friendship with my uncle. And that day, since my uncle was dead, he proclaimed himself my "Uncle Joe."

We ran into each other a lot, at dinners and at school symposia on this or another issue. We often ended up on the same plane, back or forth from Washington. I'd see him, at National Airport, bouncing down the corridor. His tie was never related to the rest of him; it seemed to have a life of its own. His clothes always looked more rumpled than you remembered them; he looked more tired, or he suffered from the heat. "Hiya, Baby!" he'd grin whenever he saw me. "Hiya, Baby!" Who else in 1986 could get away with that? "Hiya, Uncle Joe!"

We'd talk about the district, and about whatever election he had coming. We never talked about the Congress, or about issues. I suppose we didn't see eye to eye on all of them. We'd talk about our families, and how they were, sounding more sometimes like consulting physicians than a couple of tired travelers. The last time I sat with him at National Airport, waiting for the thunderclouds to let us board, he lectured me on my family's hereditary health problems, sternly ordering me to have this or another test, in order to beat a sudden death. He did agree, however, that the only way to beat death is to live life.

And so he did. So here they all were, in that big Cathedral on Fifth Avenue in New York City, and Joe Addabbo's casket was in the center aisle, next to Tip O'Neill, the Speaker of the House of Representatives. And next to Al D'Amato, the New York Senator.

Once they read the gospel, it sounded a little more normal. The priest, I think it was Joe's pastor, sounded like he knew where he came from, and where he came from was Queens.

We were all his family there. The congressional staffers in their striped suits and yellow ties, the ladies from Queens, and the Addabbos, including Joe's father, who at 90 now had lived long enough to bury his son. The Speaker of the House of Representatives spoke. He said, "Joe Addabbo loved and cared for people." He said, "Joe knew where he came from." He said, "he knew it was nice to be important, but more important to be nice." And, afterward, the

whole Cathedral rose as one to applaud Joe Addabbo, because the Cardinal said we could, and because we wanted to.

I don't suppose that if I'd ever really talked to Uncle Joe about the issue we would get on that well. I saw him as the ultimate New York politician. The only wasted defense dollar, I would kid him, was one that wasn't spent in New York. Once the plane landed, wherever it was, he would wink, and grin, and return to the fold—to the waiting staffer, or campaign worker, or family member. Always, the wink, the grin, and "seeya, baby." as he rumbled down the corridor.

When they rolled the casket down the center aisle of the cathedral, they stopped at the front door. The honor guard presented the American flag and unfolded it slowly, slowly, over the casket. They held it out, tight, and slowly draped it over the bronze box in which it lay. Then they carried the casket down the steps of the Cathedral, and all of Fifth Avenue stopped to watch while the Cardinal blessed it with holy water.

The sun has given way to a gunmetal grey overcast, as they put the casket into the waiting hearse. He could have had the bands and trumpets, and the flag and the big honor guard, but they kept it simple, and that was good. So there he was, waiting on Fifth Avenue to go home to Queens.

Seeya, Joe.

Proceedings in the Senate

MONDAY, *April 14, 1986.*

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I send a resolution to the desk and ask for its immediate consideration. It is relative to the death of Representative ADDABBO.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution will be stated.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (Senate Resolution 382) relative to the death of Representative JOSEPH P. ADDABBO.

SENATE RESOLUTION 382

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of the Honorable JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, late a Representative from the State of New York.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit an enrolled copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That when the Senate recesses today, it recess as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Representative.

Without objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, for the second time in a month flags fly at half-mast over the Capitol in honor of an esteemed public servant from the State of New York. In early March, New York and the Nation mourned the loss of Jake Javits, and now we pay tribute to another colleague, JOE ADDABBO.

During his quarter-century in the Congress, JOE ADDABBO never forgot that he had two constituencies—Queens and the Nation. He served both with the greatest distinction. The Sixth District and our Armed Forces are much the better for his presence.

On March 19, the Senate passed H.R. 4399, a bill to designate the Federal Office Building in Jamaica, Queens, as the Joseph P. Addabbo Building. The bill was signed into law by the President on March 27, 1986. It was a simple tribute; a small gesture for so respected a legislator.

His colleagues mourn the loss of a great friend. New York has lost a tireless champion. JOE will be hugely missed.

I ask unanimous consent that his obituary from the April 12, 1986, Washington Post be printed in the Record.

There being no objection, the obituary was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

NEW YORK REPRESENTATIVE JOSEPH P. ADDABBO DIES

(By Bart Barnes)

Representative JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, 61, a New York Democrat who as chairman of the Defense Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee built a reputation as an articulate and forceful opponent of what he considered excessive military spending, died late Thursday night at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He had cancer and recently had suffered a heart attack.

Mr. ADDABBO, who had been in a coma since collapsing March 6, represented a district in Queens. He served for 25 years in the House of Representatives and since 1979 had been chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, the panel that acts on requests for all military spending. In that role he was often critical of high military officers who, he said, frequently shared with civilian bureaucrats a penchant for empire building and a narrowness of vision.

Despite his reputation as a critic of military spending, Mr. ADDABBO always insisted he supported a strong defense policy. "But I don't take the Pentagon at their word," he once said. "I don't like the attitude of some Members, 'Well, let's give them $20 million to play around with this year. Let's give them $40 million next year.' Three years later, the weapon doesn't work, and there's $100 million down the drain."

But Mr. ADDABBO often found himself in a minority position on his own Committee, most of whose members tended to have more hawkish views than he. More often than not he was on the losing side of defense-spending controversies.

He tried in 1982 to block funding for the MX missile but lost, both in his own Subcommittee and in the full Appropriations Committee. He prevailed when he took his case to the floor of the House, although the House later reversed its position and work began on the missile.

In 1973 Mr. ADDABBO sponsored the first antiwar resolution ever to pass the House of Representatives—the cutting off of funds for the bombing of Cambodia. He had supported the war in Southeast Asia during the Johnson administration and in the early years of the Nixon presidency but he subsequently changed his mind. He also opposed the B1 bomber and other major weapon systems.

In 1984 he castigated the Defense Department for what he called "a complete breakdown of control over millions of dollars." This followed a report that accused the military of scrapping valuable equipment, then turning around and paying higher prices to buy identical items.

President Reagan called Mr. ADDABBO "one of the lending players in the development of American military policy." He said the Congressman was "widely respected for his knowledge of defense issues even by those who disagreed with him. His genial style was in keeping with the best traditions of American politics."

House Speaker Thomas O'Neill said Mr. ADDABBO "worked diligently to ensure that America's defense was strong, efficient and effective. He demanded quality for each defense dollar."

New York Governor Mario Cuomo called him a "great man whose commitment to integrity and excellence has improved the quality of life for all New Yorkers."

Mayor Edward Koch of New York ordered flags on city buildings to be flown at half staff until after Mr. ADDABBO's funeral. The Congressman, Koch said, "always strove to ensure that people of every race, religion and ethnic origin had a fair hearing and full representation in the halls of the Capitol."

A native of New York City, Mr. ADDABBO graduated from the City College of New York and St. John's University Law School. He practiced law in Queens, participated in civic and community organizations, and headed Italian-American committees for various candidates.

But he never ran for public office until 1960, when the incumbent Republican representative from his district retired. With the help of John F. Kennedy's drawing power among Catholic voters, Mr. ADDABBO won with 53.5 percent of the vote.

In the ensuing years the district changed from a predominantly middle class Catholic suburb to an area more closely resembling the inner city, with a population that was 65 percent black and Hispanic by the 1984 election.

During that time Mr. ADDABBO established a record of steering defense contracts to Long Island-based industries and listening to constituent problems and complaints. He voted in favor of federal aid to education and the elderly, in favor of civil rights, and against measures to limit rights to abortion or allow prayer in public schools.

He won most bids for reelection handily, and in the campaigns of 1974 to 1982 had the Republican as well as the Democratic nomination. In 1984 he was challenged in the Democratic primary by Simeon Golar, a black real estate developer, who asked the voters to oust Mr. ADDABBO on the argument that since the district had a black majority it should have a black representative. Mr. ADDABBO won with 68 percent of the vote.

He is survived by his wife, Grace, and three children, Dominic, Dina and Joseph.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing to the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 382) was unanimously agreed to.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the resolution was agreed to.

Mr. THURMOND. I move to lay that motion on the table.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Mr. DOLE. Mr. President, there being no further business to come before the Senate, I move, in accordance with the previous order, and pursuant to Senate Resolution 382, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased Honorable JOSEPH P. ADDABBO, late a Representative from the State of New York, that the Senate stand in recess until 9:15 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion was agreed to, and at 6:31 p.m., the Senate recessed until tomorrow, Tuesday, April 15, 1986, at 9:15 a.m.

APPENDIXES

Joseph P. Addabbo Federal Building

Proceedings in the House

WEDNESDAY, *March 19, 1986.*

Mr. HOWARD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of the bill (H.R. 4399) to designate the Federal building located in Jamaica, Queens, NY, as the "Joseph P. Addabbo Federal Building."

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, reserving the right to object, I do so for the purpose of having the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. Howard], the chairman of the Committee on Public Works and Transportation, explain the bill, and I yield to the gentleman.

Mr. HOWARD. I thank the gentleman, the ranking minority member of our Subcommittee on Public Buildings and Grounds, for yielding to me, to explain this bill.

Mr. Speaker, JOSEPH PATRICK ADDABBO has served with distinction in this body since 1961. He is one of the most highly respected Members of this body.

I know him as an outstanding legislator and a warm, compassionate friend. It can be truly said of JOSEPH ADDABBO he has never said an unkind word about anyone. Quiet, effective, dedicated, he has done an outstanding job for his country, his home State of New York, and for the district he has so ably represented so many years.

He personally was involved in bringing a Federal building to Jamaica, Queens, a rundown, debilitated section of New York City. He was the one whose desire and drive made this possible. The Federal building is almost completed. It will be the fulcrum for the economic growth in the entire area. This is typical of the way JOSEPH ADDABBO worked. No building can be more properly named than this one.

It is a pleasure and privilege to cosponsor H.R. 4399 and support the naming of the building in Jamaica, Queens, for JOSEPH ADDABBO.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent for the immediate consideration of the bill (H.R. 4399) to designate the Federal building located in Jamaica, Queens, NY, as the Joseph P. Addabbo Federal Building.

Mr. SHAW. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for that explanation.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the bill H.R. 4399; a bill which would designate the Federal Building in Jamacia, Queens, NY, as the "Joseph P. Addabbo Building."

Our dear colleague, who now, unfortunately, is hospitalized at Walter Reed Hospital, has served as a distinguished Member of the House for more than a quarter of a century.

When first elected in November 1960 to the 87th Congress, he was the youngest Democratic Member in Congress to serve under the Kennedy Administration; he now ranks 21 in seniority in the House.

During his tenure in the House, he has served on numerous committees and has chaired the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee since 1979.

Congressman ADDABBO has been a leading advocate for protecting and educating our Nation's youth and has supported numerous bills to prevent child abuse, improve child care services, and Federal aid to elementary, secondary, and urban universities.

In addition, he has worked for continued improvements in Federal programs affecting the health, safety, and welfare of citizens throughout the country.

Born and educated in Queens, NY, in both his public and private life, his work has been dedicated to improving the quality of life for his constituents.

It would be a fitting tribute, if, at this time, we would designate the Federal building in Jamaica, Queens, in his honor.

I would urge my colleagues to support the passage of H.R. 4399.

Mr. Speaker, I withdraw my reservation of objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

The Clerk read the bill, as follows:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

Section 1. Designation of Building.

The Federal building located at Jamaica Avenue and Parsons Boulevard in Jamaica, Queens, in the State of New York, shall hereafter be known and designated as the "Joseph P. Addabbo Federal Building".

Section 2. Legal References to Building.

Any reference in any law, regulation, document, record, map, or other paper of the United States to the building referred to in section 1 is deemed to be a reference to the "Joseph P. Addabbo Federal Building".

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HOWARD. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on this legislation and to express special tribute to our colleague, the gentleman from New York [Mr. ADDABBO].

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. Howard] is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. HOWARD. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from New York [Mr. Biaggi].

Mr. BIAGGI. Mr. Speaker, as the author of H.R. 4399 I am proud that we are moving toward its passage in the House. I warmly commend the esteemed chairman of the Public Works Committee, Mr. Howard, for his advocacy of this legislation and commitment to the man it honors, our colleague JOSEPH PATRICK ADDABBO. I am also proud to note that the measure has 81 original cosponsors. I must also note the fact that one of JOE ADDABBO's closest friends in the House, the distinguished gentleman from Florida [Mr. Chappell] was inadvertently omitted from the list of original co-sponsors but intended to be.

I introduced this legislation last week as a manifestation of the respect and deep affection I and so many others in this House hold for JOE ADDABBO. We are honoring more than a colleague. We recognize in JOE ADDABBO a quiet greatness that has made his 26-year career in this House so important. JOE has served productively and with great principle since his first election in 1960. The people of Queens have been provided with the highest caliber of service by JOE ADDABBO throughout the years. JOE during his years as chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee acquired a national reputation. Yet

he does not let the trappings of power cause him to be removed from his constituents. He has served them for so long and so well that they are really part of an extended Addabbo family in Queens. JOE is as good as he is because he mirrors the people he represents in the House. He has unparalleled integrity and an uncompromising commitment to the high moral values and principles.

We are inspired to act today on behalf of a colleague and friend who has inspired so many of us in our careers in the House of Representatives. When we think of JOE ADDABBO, we smile, we feel good because that is how he has made us feel over the years. We talk about a sweet man, kind to all and totally unassuming in his nature and actions.

Without any question, JOE's star shines brightest from his work as chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee. He tangled with one President over Vietnam, another over Nicaragua. He has taken on the military on their most vulnerable point—waste. He helped to kill funding for the B–1 bomber and to stop procurement of MX missiles. Yet through it all, no matter the level of difference, JOE ADDABBO could disagree without being disagreeable.

As many of my colleagues are aware, JOE admitted last week that he has been waging a 6-year battle with cancer. JOE's nature was such that no one knew. Did he let it slow him down—no. Did he let it get him down—no. JOE ADDABBO loves his life, his work, his country, and the people he represents too much to be any other way. He never wants to burden people with his problems—no matter how serious. That is his nature. That is a measure of the greatness of the man.

JOE has spent almost one-half of his life as a Member of the House of Representatives. He loves this institution and those who serve in it. In turn Members on both sides respect and have genuine affection for JOE. Few serve with greater distinction.

I so fervently hope that this collegial legislative gesture will give him some joy in the knowledge that we who serve with him are thinking of him with love.

Mr. MCGRATH. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield?

Mr. BIAGGI. I would be delighted to yield to the gentleman from New York.

Mr. MCGRATH. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4399,

which names the Federal building in Jamaica, Queens, after our colleague, JOE ADDABBO.

In my years as a Member of this body, and as a life-long resident of a community bordering his congressional district, I have been proud to call JOE a friend and colleague. No one is more deserving of the honor bestowed in H.R. 4399. JOE was respected throughout the Metropolitan New York area for his strong leadership on defense issues and countless other serious matters affecting our region and the Nation as a whole.

The residents of the southwest part of Queens have been fortunate to call JOE ADDABBO their Representative. His tireless support for community development in the Jamaica business district, his efforts on behalf of St. John's Law School, and countless other activities have made JOE's name a household word in his district and in surrounding communities. I can think of no better tribute to JOE's years of service than to name a building in his honor, in the midst of the community he has served with honor and distinction.

Mr. YOUNG of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 4399, a bill to designate the Federal building located in Jamaica, Queens, NY, as the "Joseph P. Addabbo Federal Building."

Mr. Speaker, as a cosponsor of this legislation, I can state unequivocally that this is a small tribute to pay to the Honorable JOSEPH ADDABBO because without his strong persistence, construction of this building would not be a reality today. The building is scheduled to be completed in the fall of this year and will serve as the northeast payment center for the Social Security Administration.

Mr. Speaker, as my colleagues are aware, JOE ADDABBO was first elected to Congress in 1960 and it has been my privilege to serve with him in the House for 10 years now. To date, he has compiled a legislative record on behalf of all Americans that will be remembered with respect and gratitude. He is a man of incredible integrity and intelligence and is held in high esteem by his colleagues. He enjoys the overwhelming support of his constituents who appreciate his diligence in pressing forward with legislation which has brought about a Veterans' Administration hospital in Queens, a hospital on Ellis Island specializing in drug addiction treatment, improved educational programs, clean up of the New York Harbor, establishment of the Gateway National Recreation Area, and improved transit for New York. His record in the House is so full of landmarks and achievements and I doubt that the people of New York

will ever have a better champion of their interests. He loves his State and he serves its people well.

As chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee since 1979, Congressman ADDABBO has played a significant role in bringing about a strong defense system for our Nation. He has served on the Agriculture and Legislative Subcommittees of the Appropriations Committee, and presently serves on the Treasury-Post Office and Military Construction Subcommittees.

As a former member of the Veterans' Affairs Committee, Mr. ADDABBO takes a special interest in the welfare of veterans. He has sponsored numerous bills helping veterans in the areas of education, housing, and employment.

Mr. Speaker, unfortunately the Honorable JOE ADDABBO is not with us today to hear all these accolades due to the fact that he is hospitalized, however, I sincerely look forward to his return to the House.

Mr. MANTON. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join my colleagues in honoring our distinguished colleague, JOE ADDABBO, by passing H.R. 4399, a bill to rename the Federal building in Jamaica, Queens, New York, as the "Joseph P. Addabbo Federal Building."

The dedication of this building is a fitting tribute to a man such as JOE ADDABBO, who has so ably represented the people of the Sixth Congressional District of New York. With his 24 years' seniority in the House and his high-ranking position as the chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, JOE has a litany of accomplishments to his credit. He has been a voice of moderation in appropriating our defense dollars. Even during the administration's largest ever peacetime increase in defense spending, JOE has shown courage in opposing the executive branch when its plans seem too expensive or too likely to risk war.

Mr. Speaker, we all know that JOE has spoken not only from his own ideology, but also on behalf of his constituency, who have wholeheartedly endorsed his work in the Congress. He has personified the highest standards of personal integrity and unselfish devotion to public service. His constituency has repeatedly sent him back to Washington because of his dedication and leadership capabilities.

When I was elected to the Congress in the fall of 1984, JOE ADDABBO was always available to assist me in any way possible. He was influential in helping me obtain the one vacant Democratic seat on the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee

and also a seat on the Banking Committee. Both these committee as signments are important for the people of my district.

Mr. Speaker, JOE ADDABBO has been a skillful legislator who has always been a good friend and political adviser to me. He has consistently aided those in our society who most need our concern and assistance. It is appropriate that we show our appreciation to JOE by naming a Federal building in his honor. The Joseph P. Addabbo Federal Building will serve as a lasting tribute to a man who has given so much of his time and energy toward public service.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

THURSDAY, *March 20, 1986.*

Mr. ACKERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3499, a bill to name the Federal building in Jamaica, NY, as the Joseph P. Addabbo Federal Building. This legislation is a proper and fitting gesture to an outstanding Member of Congress, who tragically lies in a coma as we meet here today in the Chamber he loved so well.

Mr. Speaker, JOE ADDABBO served the people of Queens and the citizens of our great Nation through some momentous times in American history. From the Great Society, to the Vietnam era, on through Watergate, and on to the Reagan years, JOE has been a voice—sometimes a lonely voice, but always a strong and consistent one—of quiet decency that has stood out in this House. As a leader in the fight for a strong but sane military, and as the dean of the New York City delegation, JOE ADDABBO has won the respect and admiration of the U.S. Congress.

Mr. Speaker, the contributions that JOE ADDABBO has made to this Nation and this Congress have been a credit to the people of Queens. Particularly in the field of foreign affairs and military readiness, JOE became an acknowledged leader whose counsel is already sorely missed. From the early 1970's, when he sponsored the first anti-Vietnam war resolution ever to pass this House, to his recent support of a Nicaraguan peace process and opposition to covert military aid to the Contras, JOE consistently challenged our Nation to choose negotiations over weapons; to choose peace, rather than war. JOE has been a staunch opponent of overpriced, untested weapons

such as the MX missile, and he has used his position as Chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee to force both Democratic and Republican administrations to look more carefully at our military priorities.

Mr. Speaker, it is particularly appropriate that a building in the community and county JOE so ably represents be named for this exemplary lawmaker and this outstanding American. JOE ADDABBO has spent 25 years fighting for the men, women, and children of Queens. His commitment to his constituents was proven once again as recently as 1984. In that year, party leaders—anticipating a tough election—urged ADDABBO to move to a safe district. JOE ADDABBO responded by staying and fighting it out on his own turf, and prevailed by better than a 2 to 1 margin.

Therefore, I fully support H.R. 4399, a small but important tribute to a truly great Congressman.

Proceedings in the Senate

WEDNESDAY, *March 19, 1986.*

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate turn to the consideration of H.R. 4399, a bill to designate the Federal building located in Jamaica, Queens, NY, as the Joseph P. Addabbo Federal Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 4399) to designate the Federal building located in Jamaica, Queens, New York, as the "Joseph P. Addabbo Federal Building."

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered as having been read the first and second times and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. D'AMATO. Mr. President, I rise today in support of legislation to designate the Federal building located in Jamaica, NY, as the Joseph P. Addabbo Federal Building. This is a fitting tribute to a man I have been privileged to work closely with over the past several years.

JOE ADDABBO, since his first election to Congress in 1960, has accomplished something remarkable. He has been a fighter for his district—a Congressman every resident of the Sixth District should be grateful to have as their representative. But he has also shown a remarkable national perspective on issues affecting every American. I think this is most evident in his work as chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

JOE ADDABBO has always been for a strong defense, but he has always insisted that every penny be spent wisely. I think we would be hard-pressed to find someone who could compete with his intelligence and attention to detail. On a more personal side, JOE has always been accessible to discuss even the smallest issue.

I think it is fitting that the Federal Building in Jamaica, Queens, should be named in honor of JOE ADABBO. It is a small gesture, considering what JOE has given over his 25 years in Congress. I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring JOE ADDABBO through swift passage of this measure.

Mr. MOYNIHAN. Mr. President, I am pleased that the Senate has agreed to consider H.R. 4399, a bill to designate the Federal Office Building in Jamaica, Queens, as the Joseph P. Addabbo Building. This bill, introduced by my colleague from New York, Representative Mario Biaggi, passed the House this morning by unanimous consent.

The construction of a Federal office building in Jamaica was JOE ADDABBO's dream, and without his efforts, that structure would never have been built.

In the late 1960's JOE wanted to see depressed downtown Jamaica restored to its former vibrance and vitality. He knew that bringing a Federal presence to Queens would accomplish this. To convince the Congress to build a Federal office building in downtown Queens was no easy task in 1969, nor would it be today. But JOE ADDABBO's determination knew no limits. In 1980, for example, the matter had reached the House Public Works Committee for a vote. When the vote was stalled for lack of a quorum, JOE convinced Congressman John Murphy to recess his Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee hearing to allow Members to return to the Public Works Committee for a vote. As anyone who has worked with JOE ADDABBO will attest, he knows how to get things done. The measure passed 32 to 1.

I have been privileged over the years to collaborate with JOE ADDABBO on many projects, and probably none more important than the Federal building. This $93 million building will house the Northeastern Program Service Center for the Social Security Administration. The center prepares checks totaling $1.5 billion each month for 5.5 million Social Security beneficiaries, about one-sixth of the Nation's total. I joined JOE on this legislation as one of my first efforts after coming to the Senate. It took us several years to achieve, but JOE was indefatigable—and unstoppable.

JOE ADDABBO's efforts on behalf of Queens and all of New York deserve great praise and acclaim. Today, we mean to pay him a simple tribute. It is one he richly deserves, and I hope my colleagues will join me.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The bill is open to amendment. If there be no amendment to be proposed, the question is on the third reading of the bill.

The bill (H.R. 4399) was read the third time, and passed.

Mr. SIMPSON. Mr. President, I move to reconsider the vote by which the bill was passed.

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, I move to table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to lay on the table was agreed to.

Remarks by
Speaker Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr.
at the Funeral of
Joseph Patrick Addabbo
April 15, 1986
St. Patrick's Cathedral
New York City

Your Eminence, reverend clergy, members of the Addabbo family, my colleagues in the Congress, friends and neighbors of JOE ADDABBO.

JOE ADDABBO and I served together in the House for 26 years. He was my friend.

Some people look upon public service as a sacrifice, a kind of burden on their shoulders. JOE ADDABBO was just the opposite. For him, public service was a privilege; helping people was a joy, and politics was not only a great and worthy profession; it was also a way of life—and JOE would not have missed it for the world!

JOE was elected to the Congress back in 1960, the same year John F. Kennedy was elected President and he has enjoyed every minute of it since. JOE loved his service in the House. He loved the excitement of the floor, the heat of debate, the fellowship of his colleagues and, like all of us, he loved the politics. JOE loved being there with us, during the big fights and during the regular business of the House. The truth is, he just loved being in Congress.

During his career, JOE gained a tremendous deal of influence. By any measure, he was a powerful man, an important man. The positions he took on national and international policy had a major impact on the country and the world. The issues he dealt with affected billions of dollars and millions of lives. He was one of the key people to help bring an end to the war in Vietnam. He worked year after year to build a strong, efficient national defense for our country. But through it all he never forgot that what really matters in the end is people themselves: the people of Queens that he represented, the fellows he worked with in committee, the staff who work in the Democratic cloakroom, the guy who drove the cab from the airport.

JOE ADDABBO cared about people, not in the abstract, but in terms of flesh and blood. His compassion for people came from his heart and from his home. He worked in Washington for almost three decades but it is fair to say that he never left his roots here in New York, in the neighborhoods of Queens where he was born and where he grew up. JOE knew where he came from and he never forgot that while it's nice to be important it's much more important to be nice. When JOE ADDABBO voted for an educational program, he was voting for the young person from his district who was trying to pull themselves up—like JOE ADDABBO once did. When he worked to end a brutal and hopeless war, he was thinking about the young men of Queens, the young men who were fighting and dying in those jungles and rice paddies of Indo-China.

I know what JOE went through in those difficult times of Vietnam. Both of us represented tough, working class districts, where people do not easily question the foreign policies of their country. We represent people who proudly accept the duty to fight and die for their country. JOE ADDABBO believed that it was his own personal duty to make sure that none of America's young men died in vain. He believed that his job was to protect those young men of courage not from the tough challenges of national security and the just call of patriotism but from the terrible mistakes of their elders.

Throughout his life, JOE showed his own patriotism. He wanted our country to be strong. He wanted to protect the freedoms and opportunities that brought so many people to the shores of this wonderful country. And he knew

that the key to our security, the key to our freedom, is a living, breathing democracy that reflects, at least in part, the good sense and the heart of people like Joe Addabbo.

And in facing his final challenge, he showed us the same courage, the same love of life as those young soldiers he used to worry so much about in Vietnam—the young men who were willing to die for their country, who our friend Joe had dedicated himself to save.

To Grace and to Joe's whole family, I want you to know not only how much the country will miss him, but how much we his friends will miss him.

Newspaper Tributes to Joseph P. Addabbo

[From the New York Times, Apr. 12, 1986]

Congressman's Death Starts Battle for Seat from Queens

(By Frank Lynn)

The death of Representative Joseph P. Addabbo set off a political battle yesterday at home in Queens and left the House without one of its most influential critics of the Pentagon.

In the Sixth Congressional District in southeastern Queens, black Democrats prepared to make a serious effort to win the Addabbo seat in the predominately black district.

A black minister declared his candidacy yesterday, and black party and public officials planned to meet today to see whether they could unite behind a black candidate.

In Washington, Mr. Addabbo's New York colleagues said his death would hurt the interests of the state and city, as well as deprive the House of one of its most articulate critics of Pentagon spending. As chairman of the defense subcommittee on the House Appropriations Committee, he was considered the most influential New York member of the House.

A CHANGED DISTRICT

Representative Charles E. Schumer, a Brooklyn Democrat, said that loss of Mr Addabbo's influence in the House "will take years to make up."

Despite that influence in Washington, Mr. Addabbo was confronted at home with a district that had changed over his years in Congress from a largely Italian-American one to one with a predominately black population. He had been challenged, unsuccessfully, in the 1984 and 1982 Democratic primaries by an insurgent black Democrat, Simeon Golar, but had been supported by most of the black party and public officials in the district.

One of the most influential of those black leaders, City Councilman Archie Spigner, was generally considered to have been the choice of the late Donald R. Manes, when he was the Queens Democratic leader, for the seat once Mr. Addabbo retired. Queens politicians said that the lack of a strong Democratic county leader—in the wake of Mr. Manes's resignation and suicide—might result in a multi-candidate competition among Democrats.

3 ELECTIONS POSSIBLE

That appeared to be the case yesterday as Mr. Spigner was confronted with an avowed candidate, the Rev. Floyd Flake, pastor of the Allen African Methodist Episcopal Church in St. Albans, and several potential candidates, both black and white. Among them were State Senator Andrew Jenkins, Assemblyman Alton R. Waldor Jr., Assemblywoman Gerdi Lipshuts and District Attorney John J. Santucci.

One of the district's black officials Assemblywoman Cynthia Jenkins; said, "If we want a black Congressman, we'll have to get behind one person." She noted that "if Manes were around, he would have said 'Spigner and that's it."

Fund-raising ability will be an important factor, several Democrats agreed, because of the possibility that there will be three contests in six months—a special election within the next two months, a primary in September and the general election in November. Governor Cuomo has the discretion of calling a special election when there is a vacancy before July 1, of the final year of a term. A spokesman for Mr. Cuomo said there was no decision yet.

Neither a special nor regular election would fill the leadership vacuum left by Mr. ADDABBO's death, several House members said yesterday.

Mr. ADDABBO combined the role of Pentagon critic with winning defense contracts for New York put he had also used his subcommittee chairmanship to influence other programs for New York. Several colleagues recalled a 1984 incident when a $160 million rental-housing program was threatened by the opposition of some Senate Republicans in a Senate-House conference. New York State would have received about a quarter of the funds.

Mr. ADDABBO merely whispered in the ear of his Senate Republican counterpart, Senator Ted Stevens of Alaska, chairman of the Senate Appropriations subcommittee on defense, and the housing program was retained.

[New York (NY) Daily News, Apr. 16, 1986]

SON OF BORO LAID TO REST

(By David J. Krajicek)

His funeral was held in St. Patrick's Cathedral in the city, but JOSEPH PATRICK ADDABBO came home to Queens yesterday, as he always had, for ADDABBO was Queens-born Queens-raised, Queens-educated. And for 26 years, he was a Queens Congressman.

He died last Thursday of bladder cancer at age 61.

A dozen limousines and a score of other cars followed a police escort from Fifth Avenue to St. John's Cemetery, in Middle Village, a couple of miles up Woodhaven Blvd. from Addabbo's neighborhood, Ozone Park.

The politicians and the television cameras stayed in Manhattan. It was ADDABBO's friends and family—200 of them, all holding red carnations—who followed him back home.

BRIEF AND DIGNIFIED

The cryptside ceremony was brief, distinguished and dignified.

Eight servicemen in crisp-dress blues—two each from the four major Armed Forces—approached the hearse in step. They eased the flag-draped, copper coffin onto a two-foot-high pedestal, then pulled the Stars and Stripes taut.

Msgr. Dominick J. Adessa, pastor of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Chuch, ADDABBO's South Ozone Park parish, read prayers:

"The Lord is my shepherd * * * Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil * * * Eternal rest grant to him, O Lord * * * May he rest in peace."

The Congressman's wife, Grace, and children, Dina, Dominick and Joseph Jr., dabbed away tears as a seven-man honor guard from the 3d Infantry (the Old Guard), fired three volleys. And as a blustery wind snaked around the gravestones under a steel-gray sky, an Army bugler blew "Taps."

The honor guard folded the flag into a clean-edged triangle, and 1st Lt. Clayton M. White presented it to Mrs. Addabbo.

First the family, and then all the friends, placed their carnations into twin gold vases beside the casket. Most wept as they filed past. Many blessed themselves with their right hand, kissed it and laid it upon the casket.

One woman bent low and kissed the cool copper. "Goodby, Joe," she whispered.

[New York (NY) Times, Apr. 16, 1986]

Addabbo Funeral Is Tinged with a Touch of Informality

(By Ronald Smothers)

More that 1,500 people, including three busloads of Congressmen and Capitol Hill staff, Mayor Koch and Governor Cuomo, crowded St. Patrick's Cathedral yeaterday to mourn Representative Joseph P. Addabbo of Queens.

Lending a note of informality to the funeral mass, John Cardinal O'Connor walked down from the altar at one point, noted the size of the audience and said that Grace Addabbo, the widow of the Queens Democrat, had told him how proud it made her feel.

"You have too many friends here to let this moment pass for the sake of propriety," said the Cardinal, turning to where Mrs. Addabbo sat with her daughter Dina and her two sons, Joseph and Dominick, and their families. He then invited the audience to join in a particularly secular show of appreciation for the 13-term Queens Congressman. The audience rose, turned toward the casket, and applauded.

A spokesman for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of New York said that the Cardinal had ecouraged such a break in the funeral rite twice before—at the funeral for Harry Van Arsdale, the labor leader, and the funeral for Roger Maris, the former New York Yankee.

Addabbo Died Last Friday

Mr. Addabbo, who had been chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee on defense, died last Friday at the age of 61 at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. For the last six years he had suffered from bladder cancer.He lapsed into a coma on March 11 and never regained consciousness.

Thomas P. O'Neill Jr., Speaker of the House, said that Mr. Addabbo was "a powerful man and an important man by any measure" who saw politics as not only a worthy profession, but a joy.

"Both of us represented tough, working-class districts where people don't often question the foreign policy of our nation," Mr. O'Neill added. He said that Mr. Addabbo's introduction on an anti-Vietnam war resolution in 1973 had paved the way to ending a "brutal and hopeless" war.

Bishop Francis J. Mugavero, head of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brooklyn where Mr. Addabbo's parish, the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman, is recalled that Mr. Addabbo had continued to work representing his district "up until the end" and had not publicly revealed his battle with cancer.

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Representative Joseph Addabbo Dies

(By Peter Durantine)

After a long battle with cancer, Representative Joseph Addabbo (Democrat–NY) died Thursday evening at Walter Reed Army Medical Center. He was 61 years old.

The Congressman had been receiving treatment the last six years for cancer of the bladder. On March 11, he had slipped into a coma five days after suffering a seizure at a luncheon held in the Shoreham Hotel.

Elected on first try in 1960 to a conservative district that was represented for many years by Republican Representative Albert Bosch, Mr. Addabbo worked in behalf of small business (especially minority business), the elderly and the handicapped, educating the young, and ensuring adequate benefits for veterans and civil servants.

"This is my career," said Mr. Addabbo of his work as a Member of the House of Representatives where he ranked 21st in seniority.

As Chairman of the Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense, a post he held since 1979, he was described as a "Chicken Hawk" by fellow New Yorker Representative James Scheuer (Democrat–NY) because " he was for a strong defense, but he wanted a lean and hungry defense." Mr. Sheuer, second to Mr. Addabbo in seniority among House Members from New York City, remarked that "Joe viewed the Pentagon generals as a bunch of bureaucrats and he took what they said with a large grain of salt. That made him a major force for rationality in defense spending."

Many of his colleagues considered him the most important voice in Congress against wasteful spending in the Defense Department. Representative Charles Rangel (Democrat–NY) of Manhattan remarked that the Congressman was a "credible critic" of steady increases in defense spending and of certain weapons systems such as the B–1 bomber and the MX missiles.

Mr. Addabbo approached his duties as Chairman of Small Business Administration and Minority Enterprises and Franchising Subcommittee with as much relish as he did on the Appropriations Subcommittee, sponsoring legislation which helped poor families pay for heating their homes, assisted small businesses and steered funds towards economically depressed areas.

Born March 17, 1925 in Ozone Park, New York, Mr. Addabbo attended City College for two years before going to St. John's Law School where he received his law degree in 1946. He practiced law in his hometown until he was elected to Congress. A Roman Catholic, Mr. Addabbo lived in Ozone Park all his life. He commuted weekly to Washington and once quipped that he had moved four times in his life, all within a 10 block area.

On Friday, Speaker of the House Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill, Jr. said Mr. Addabbo had "fought many difficult appropriations battles" and "won the respect of Members of Congress from both sides of the aisle."

Rep. Jamie L. Whitten (Democrat–MS), Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations called the Congressman "a dear friend, a great Member of Congress, very accommodating to his colleagues but firm in his convictions."

Mr. Addabbo's death signals a battle for the sixth Congressional seat in southeastern Queens, where City Councilman, Archie Spigner was considered the leading candidate. However, since the recent suicide of scandal-tinged Queens Democratic Leader, Donald Manes, who pegged Spigner for the seat, the Councilman may be up against a number of candidates vying for the seat.

So far, Reverend Floyd Flake is the only announced candidate, but the state assembly and the Queens District Attorney's office does hold a few potential candidates.

Governor Mario Cuomo (Democrat) has not said whether he plans to call a special election to fill the vacancy, however, if an election is called, which must be done before July 1, the question of fund raising becomes important because three races within five months will need to be funded.

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Representative Addabbo is Mourned by Colleagues; Lawmaker Was Key Critic of Viet War

(Associated Press)

New York, April 15—Representative Joseph P. Addabbo was eulogized today as a lawmaker whose concern for the young men of his patriotic district led him to make the difficult decision to oppose, and ultimately help end, the Vietnam War.

House Speaker Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neil Jr. (Democrat–MA) said at a funeral mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral that Addabbo "was one of the key people that helped to bring an end to the war in Vietnam."

A Democratic representative for 26 years, Addabbo slipped into a coma March 12 and died Thursday. He was 61 and had suffered for years from bladder cancer.

"I knew what Joe went through" in deciding to speak out against the war. O'Neill said, because both men represented what the Speaker characterized as a "tough, working-class district" where the nation's foreign policy was not readily challenged.

But Addabbo "believed his job was to protect those young men from the terrible mistakes of their elders—the decision-makers"—and end "a brutal and hopeless war," O'Neill told about 1,000 people at the cathedral.

Mourners included Governor Mario M. Cuomo (Democrat) Senator Alfonse M. D'Amato (Republican-NY) and Mayor Edward I. Koch (Democrat), as well as more than a score of Addabbo's House colleagues, including Democrats Ronald V. Dellums of California and Edward Boland of Massachusetts.

Cardinal John O'Connor; archbishop of New York, said that Addabbo, like the late Cardinal Terence Cooke, kept his suffering to himself because "he didn't want to impose his suffering on anybody."

Addabbo kept his illness a secret from collegues and friends, even after the cancer forced him into the hospital for four months. He explained his weight loss by saying he had gone on an unsupervised crash diet.

He was elected to represent the 6th Congressional District in Queens in 1960 and became chairman of the House Defense Appropriations Committee in 1979. He was known for his efforts to control defense spending.

Cuomo has not said whether he would call a special election to fill Addabbo's seat, which is the only vacant one in the House.

Addabbo is survived by his wife Grace and three children.

We Truly Mourn Joe Addabbo

"It's nice to be important, but it's also important to be nice."

This rule of Congressman Joseph P. Addabbo, who died April 10 in the evening after struggling along in a coma for weeks, was repeated by House of Representatives Speaker Thomas P. (Tip) O'Neill during services held on Tuesday, April 15, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, most accurately describes Joe, Democratic leader Seymour Sheldon of Part B in the 23rd Assembly District told this newspaper.

A mark of the respect this influential Congressman had could be seen in the immense crowd that came to the mass Tuesday. Key national leaders were there, half of the New York State legislature and community officials and constituents from all walks of life. In addition, the street was packed, with many of the people there Jewish.

Another mark of this respect was that the people packed into the cathedral applauded the eulogy.

"Two busloads of Congressmen stood and clapped," it was reported.

Still another was that a nine-member military guard came in with the coffin and lines of dignitaries.

From people with national influence there was no lack of such comments as: "The death of Representative Joseph Addabbo creates serious political and fiscal problems." He was the Chairman of the House Subcommittee on Military Appropriations, and possibly the country's leading watchdog of military overspending. He was also the fifth ranking member of the House Appropriations Committee. It often was his personal stature that paved the way for defense spending in New York State. His death is taken to mean that at least one large New York firm will lose its contract for military airplanes, and almost certainly will cause problems in proposed basing of the battleship Iowa here. In addition, there is fear that mass transit and highway money will slow to a trickle.

Before leaving for the services, state senator Jeremy Weinstein said: "I have known Joe Addabbo for over 20 years * * * I worked with him for the last eight years while I was in the Senate * * * and he was one of the most sincere, caring persons I ever met. * * * He worked very hard for us, and he'll truly be missed."

On returning from the services, Seymour Sheldon, Democratic leader of Part B in the 23rd Assembly District, commented: "I knew Joe for more than 20 years, and in my opinion he was the epitomy of what a political person should be—a decent human being who cared deeply about people and always responded to the needs of his constituents. * * * I feel I have lost a member of my family. * * * His loss will be felt by all whose lives he touched. * * * It will be years before anyone will be able to replace a man of his caliber. * * * In his legislative expertise, he was highly regarded by people of all persuasions. * * * My deepest sympathy to his widow Grace and to his children. * * *

"The best description of Joe Addabbo was included in the eulogy that was delivered by Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill. * * * That was Joe Addabbo * * * the nicest person that we've ever known."

Assemblywoman Cynthia Jenkins expressed her condolences and went on to relate how Joseph Addabbo was elected to Congress from Southeast Queens in 1960—"the youngest Democrat in Congress under the Kennedy Administration."

Since 1970, he served as Chairman of the Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, she continued.

"For 26 years, Joe Addabbo served the people of our community diligently and with compassion. * * * Everyone in the community know they could count on Joe for help if they needed it. Through his assistance, the quality of

life in our community has been maintained at the very best level possible for these past 26 years. * * * From the beginning of his public life, JOE recognized the importance of the advice of the great Mahatma Gandhi. * * * 'If we are to make progress, we must not repeat history, but make new history. * * * ' Throughout his career, JOE ADDABBO saw people as human beings equal to each other. * * * He was never concerned about race or religion or any other differences that distinguished one man or woman from another. * * * "

The mass Tuesday in St. Patrick's Cathedral is remembered in other ways than that people stood and clapped.

John Cardinal O'Connor, the white-robed archbishop of New York, talked about "the amiable, low-key politician from Queens who wielded immense power.

"There weren't many men as powerful in Washington as JOE was. * * * JOE was one of my closest and dearest friends. * * * We fought the Vietnam war together," rumbled Tip O'Neill as he sat in the first row.

Peace activists also made their presence felt at the service. Among them were pickets from the Catholic Peace Fellowship who posted themselves across Fifth avenue.

"The House lives by bells—two for a roll call, three for a quorum, four for adjournment. The bell did ring four times for JOE. * * * Until we meet again, may you be in good hands," commented Tip O'Neill.

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